



MILFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Minutes from the Meeting of November 20, 2013

On Wednesday, November 20, 2013, a meeting of the Milford Commission on Disability (MCOD) was held at Milford Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by M. Nicholson, Chairperson.

Members Present: Mike Nicholson, Demetra Edwards, Harold Rhodes, and Margaret Myatt. Guest in attendance - Ashley Leigh.

Members Unable to Attend: Charles Hince, Dino DeBartolomeis, Tom Andruskevich, and Fran O'Neill.

Minutes: M. Myatt motioned, with D. Edwards seconded, that the Minutes from the meeting on September 25, 2013, be amended to read "Revolving Account \$5,335.14." Minutes, as amended, were accepted unanimously as written on a motion by M. Myatt; seconded by D. Edwards.

Treasurer's Report: The following balances were reported: GL Account \$1,132.40; Revolving Account \$5,335.14; and Gift Account \$9,000.00. Planned expenditures include the Decibel Meter. A motion to allow the expenditure of up to \$3,500 from the MCOD Revolving Account for the purchase of four accessible design benches was made by M. Myatt and seconded by D. Edwards and passed unanimously. M. Nicholson reported that vendor will be Belson Outdoor. The benches will be shipped to and stored at the Highway Department. Treasurer's report unanimously was accepted on a motion by D. Edwards, seconded by T. Andruskevich. Expenditures planned include Decibel Metter and Four Park Benches.

Correspondence: M. Nicholson reported correspondence from the Town Administrator that included the Board of Selectmen's list of Milford License Holders for comment by MCOD.

Review of Current Projects:

(a) Accessibility-Businesses:

1) **Accessible Transportation:** D. Edwards reported that she has received from Marie O'Leary (Transportation Coordinator, Senior Center) information to be posted on the MCOD website about how persons with disabilities within Milford can make use of the Senior Center bus. H. Rhodes will forward new website information to Town Administrator to update <http://milford.ma.us//pages/boards-committees/commission-on-disability.php>. D. Edwards reported that she will report, at the January or February MCOD meeting, on Grant Writing proposal for persons with disabilities within Milford can access "Dial-A-Ride" (or its equivalent) from the MWRTA.

2) Milford Regional ICU/ER Expansion: M. Nicholson reported that he will follow-up the continuing correspondence with a letter to the architect indicating MCOD's concern for (a) 13 total HP parking spots in the underground garage; (b) the determination of whether the 30% trigger for ADA compliance for the existing facility is required; (c) the status of the HP spots currently near the existing ER; and (d) Hearing Loop installations in the new ER facility. M. Nicholson reported that the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) has provided a very much appreciated extensive review of, and recommendations for, the ICU/ER Expansion. A letter has been sent to the architect that includes the recommendations from MOD as well as additional recommendations from MCOD (developed by M. Nicholson). M. Nicholson to follow-up.

3) Upper Charles Trail from Route 109 to Senior Center: H. Rhodes will review any access barrier issues along the Upper Charles Trail from Route 109 to Senior Center.

4) Audi Loop Service. M. Myatt reported that she is continuing to investigate the installation of an audio loop at one or more "informational areas" at locations within Milford. Upon further discussion, M. Myatt indicated that the Senior Center would likely be the best informational location for the first audio loop. H. Rhodes indicated the Rhodes family will provide the funds for an audio loop at the Senior Center, as a gift from MCOD.

5) Environmental Markings. D. Edwards reporting that she is continuing to investigate improvements for several environment markings.

(b) Site and Building Plan Reviews:

1) Cornerstone Assisted Living. M. Nicholson reported that he will contact the architect to determine compliance with the recommendations provided by the Massachusetts Office on Disability.

2) Blaire House. M. Nicholson reported that he will request building plans for review.

3) 119 East Main Street. The Building Commissioner informed M. Nicholson that the "change of use" regulation will apply to this facility. M. Nicholson will contact the Building Commissioner as to the next step.

4) Woodland School. M. Nicholson reported that he will contact the Building Commissioner to determine status of site and building plans.

M. Nicholson reviewed the ongoing site and building plans.

(c) Town Accessibility:

1) Louisa Lake: M. Nicholson reported he will contact the Planning Engineer to confirm a start date with all of the contractors. M. Nicholson reported that he will discuss the status of the Louisa Lake project with D. DeBartolomeis.

2) Upper Charles Trail: H. Rhodes reported that, with regard to the accessible family rest area on the trail near CVS, he is doing his best to encourage the engineering firm of Guerriere and Halnon to provide a site plan and staking the property lines. M. Nicholson reported that a "showcase" Access Sign will be developed for the new section of Upper Charles Trail. M. Nicholson reported that he will contact the Highway Surveyor about improving the signage at the Trail Crossing on Main Street. Myatt reported that she will investigate the possibility of an Eagle Scout project to improve the accessibility of the Upper Charles Trail.

3) Hearing Loop for Senior Center. M. Myatt is developing a plan to install a Hearing Loop at the Senior Center. H. Rhodes motioned, D. Edwards seconded, to accept a gift of \$2,500 from Marcia and Harold Rhodes to pay for the installation.

4) Town By-laws: H. Rhodes reported that he will provide a report concerning amending Town By-Law Article 22 by increasing the fine for parking violation in an HP space from the current \$125 to \$225 and that \$100 of each fine be transferred into the GL account.

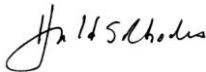
(c) Other:

- 1) H. Rhodes reported he will investigate the website link for "Signup for Our Mailing List" and a new website link on "How to Make an ADA Complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice."

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m., Room 14, Milford Town Hall.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Harold S. Rhodes
Secretary

Ref: Project Worksheet

CC: Board of Selectmen
Department of Inspections