

1 April 2009

## Handicap Accessibility Committee Meeting Minutes

Phil Lenz, Corbin Lenz, Melissa Cordeiro, Allison Bellora and her husband, Meagan Monteiro in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

- 1.) Motion to approve minutes was accepted. Secretary will provide all minutes at next scheduled meeting.
- 2.) Group discussed at length a new name for the committee. ADA Commission, Commission for Disability and Accessibility and Commission for Accessibility and Services for the Disabled were all mentioned as possible names. Discussion briefly tabled. Disability and Accessibility Commission (DAC) was agreed upon as new name.
- 3.) Group agreed that members should be knowledgeable about all aspects of our commission and the American Disabilities Act. The public has expectations that the commission will have a full understanding of all of their needs.
- 4.) Last Thursday evening, the CIP Committee consisting of seven members decided to provide no funding to the DAC at this time. Greg Lyman, a member of the Finance Committee, looked at the submission for DAC funding and asked that members go back through and cut out the smaller expenditures that were under \$15,000. Mr. Lyman met with Mr. Iacononi and believes some funding of Phase I and II may be possible, totaling approximately \$300,000. Mr. Lyman will bring this back to the committee for further discussion.
- 5.) Group agreed to make a master list of items and cut out small expenditures. Manny Cordeiro, a member of the School Department, has agreed to do some of the smaller expenditure items for the school system.
- 6.) Mr. Iacononi needs to establish an article for the commission.
- 7.) Discussion of increasing the ticketing for those who park illegally in handicap parking. It can be voted on at Town Meeting to keep the money instead of it going to the General Town Fund. Discussion of asking the handicap ticketing money to be retroactive six months to this commission was agreed upon.
- 8.) Discussed Round Hill improvements. Joe Michaud, a Town employee, may be able to have residents of the Dartmouth Correctional Facility make the necessary improvements

at the beach. Wood is needed to make a boardwalk for accessibility. Delano Sawmill may be approached for donations. Volunteers from DHS or GNBRVTHS may also be utilized.

9.) Group needs to find out to whom the master list should be forwarded to. Some of the items for the School Dept. can be sent to Mr. Cordeiro and town related items should be sent to Mr. Michaud or Mr. Iacoponi.

10.) Quinn Elementary School can be fully compliant for \$280,900. Group realizes that cannot be completed in the upcoming fiscal year but agreed to fund what they could every year until it is complete.

11.) Group began to go through the list of items for the entire town to become compliant. Special attention was paid to those items that were over \$15,000. A complete list of items discussed can be furnished upon request but are too numerous to list in the minutes.

12.) Group elected Allison Bellora as Treasurer.

13.) Next meeting scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.