

8 July 2009

Disability and Accessibility Commission Minutes

Phil Lenz, Melissa Cordeiro, Deborah Schwartz and Meagan Monteiro in attendance.

Meeting convened at 6:30pm, adjourned at 6:39p after being locked out of Town Hall and reconvened at 7:00pm at Dunkin Donuts on Tucker Rd.

- 1.) Motion to accept minutes made and seconded. Minutes unanimously accepted.
- 2.) The plans for the ramp at Dartmouth Middle School have stalled. Manny Cordeiro needs official architectural plans to be accepted by the town before work can begin.
- 3.) Small improvements recommended by the DAC have not yet begun. Commission is still waiting to hear from Ed Iacaponi.
- 4.) Quinn Elementary School will have the initial recommended work done by the beginning of school on September 2nd: bathrooms, sinks, water fountain where SPED class will be located and possibly one or two more near the cafeteria and gym.
 - A.) Quinn received money for replacement of windows, front door (change to ADA requirements) and lockers.
 - B.) Lockers will be installed shortly at DMS. They will be over/under lockers with different locks for handicap and adjustable to whomever needs them.
 - C.) Bathroom compliance is underway at the other schools.
 - D.) Manny Cordeiro is prepared to re-do the handicap parking at all schools.
 - E.) An inquiry has been made to the stage lift company and they are prepared to bring it when the school system is ready.
 - F.) Most of the initial recommended school upgrades will be done by September 2nd.
- 5.) Discussed future direction of the Commission. Commission needs a website. Ed Iacaponi has been contacted. The website should list contact numbers/email addresses, ADA information, and mass.gov website link. DCTV, Council on Aging (COA) and the School Dept. links should also be provided.
- 6.) Discussed what kind of services Commission should be providing. Possible informational sessions, videos/DVDs, etc. Find out what kind of funding is available (small project ideas). Can we accept donations? Possibly through Ed Iacaponi. Discussed having a fundraising event. The Special Olympics has an event in May, which costs about \$3000 to run and the DAC would like to fund. Collecting soda cans, spare change containers. Ask Home Depot/Lowe's to assist with ramp at DMS.
- 7.) Discussed utilizing Southworth Library for meetings. Decided to keep meetings the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm.

8.) Renominations were accepted. Members need to be sworn in again at Town Hall at their convenience.

9.) Next meeting, discussion will be about the rules for Commission, Elections, and Bylaws. DAC business cards were suggested. All business discussed voted on 4-0, 2 absences.

10.) Next meeting 12 August at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.