

7 October 2009

Phil Lenz, Melissa Cordeiro, Meagan Monteiro and Dolores Tansey, library representative, in attendance.

Meeting convened at 6:45 p.m.

- 1.) Minutes unanimously approved, 3-0.
- 2.) Ms. Tansey spoke at length about the work needed to make Southworth Library more accessible. The ramp in the front of the library is difficult to use since the doors open outward. Ms. Tansey went to the town hall and spoke with Ed Iacaponi, who referred to the commission. Commission approved funds to address these issues.
- 3.) Commission voted to change moniker to Dartmouth disAbility and Accessibility Commission.
- 4.) The DMS ramp is finished except for the handrails.. The ramp drains without issue. Manny Cordeiro will be purchasing the railings. The finished work came to \$58,000, which is higher than the original estimate. The building inspector rejected the first set of plans and the new plans cost an additional \$6,000. This new set of plans called for more concrete for grading and such. The railings and a new roof overhang cost \$31,000.
- 5.) The stage lift has arrived and is currently being utilized at Demello Elementary.
- 6.) Full Day Kindergarten is under discussion right now at being localized at Quinn and Cushman Elementary. This program would require increased costs to make Cushman School handicap accessible. A current estimate is \$10,500.
- 7.) The commission currently has \$87,100 left, with a possible \$130,000 allotted next year.
- 8.) Commission discussed initiating talks with Lowe's to build a playground at Cushman.
- 9.) Discussed possibly applying for 501 (c3) status in order to fund Special Olympics. Commission will decide on letterhead to begin looking for sponsors to fund event.
- 10.) Commission voted 3-0, to amend town report on the library issue.
- 11.) Commission agreed to amend addendum form.
- 12.) Discussed access road at Demello School. Manny Cordeiro will order extra asphalt for sidewalk at Southworth Library and step down for no additional cost.
- 13.) If parking lot at COA is approved at Town Meeting, Phil Lenz will go to the meeting and discuss drop off area.

14.) The ADA coordinator and Commission must have grievance paperwork and insure anything built is up to the ADA code.

15.) Mr. Lenz has begun writing the ramp article for the newspaper and would like everyone to submit a brief statement/comment.

16.) Mr. Lenz received an email regarding the lack of handicap seating at the football stadium. Discussion around legislation that provides increased handicap parking during an event.

17.) Mr. Lenz agreed to work on the letterhead for our new moniker.

Next meeting 11/4 @6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.