

Disability Commission Minutes

4/7/11

Present: Don Netto, Chairman; Lucy Negrone, Vice-Chairman; Lorraine McLaughlin, Clerk; Michael Furilla; Mary O'Neill

Absent: Jeff Nutting, ADA Administrator; Ron Wainrib; Brian Henderson

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made and carried to accept the March, 2011 Minutes

Old Business:

--Items discussed with Mr. Nutting: Mr. Nutting spoke to Coles Tavern regarding HP sign.

Commission member noted that the sign is not 4 ft. or more off the ground and is therefore still not in compliance.

--Marini Building update: Building Inspector states that there are two HP parking spaces behind the Marini Building, and one inside the building.

The unanswered question is: How does one get into the building to access the underground parking space.

The Building Inspector spoke to the Marini's. Mr. Bart Marini states that there is not enough space to put in a van accessible space.

Parking in front of building:

Mr. Nutting emailed Chief of Police Williams to request the possibility of having HP parking in front of the building, on Summer St. Chief Williams relegated this request to Safety Officer, Sargeant Spillane.

Sargeant Spillane replied: related to request for HP space in front of building he currently finds no need for HP parking in front of building.

Sargeant Spillane recommends legal parking in this area, but not HP parking.*

*(Correspondence received regarding this matter was read at the meeting: Memo dated 3/11/2011 from Sargeant Spillane to Police Chief Williams. To be kept on file with Disability Commission)

The Disability Comm. Chairman spoke to Mr. Nutting regarding this matter. Mr. Nutting advised the Chairman that this area will be renovated in the approximate time frame of 2 years.

The Commission will address a letter of to Sargeant Spillane advising of types of disabilities people have and that certain disabilities make it not feasible to walk from the current HP spaces into the Marini Building.

Membership status: Commission currently has 7 members. Two members are considering resigning.

New Business:

--Communications

Mr. Nutting said that Commission minutes could be sent to Town Administrator Secretary to post.

--Union St. Grille: HP signs are close to entrance of building, however, the grade of the pavement is so steep that one is not able to safely exit a vehicle.

Commission would like to ask Union St. Grille to consider moving HP spaces back to fence area which would be safer

--Clerical service at the Recreation Department may no longer be available to the Commission