

Disability Commission Meeting Minutes

11/1/12

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

Absent: Jeff Nutting, ADA Administrator;
Debbie Bean

October, 2012 minutes: a motion was made and carried to accept October, 2012 minutes.

Old Business:

--Marini Building:

Building inspector spoke to Mr. Marini.

The building is up to code. Commission agrees that the lighting and door pull is up to code

Commission disagrees that the parking is up to code:

--there is no van accessible parking, if a van accessible space is inside the garage, a person in a wheelchair has to get out of the van, open the garage and get the van into the garage.

--Senior Center bathrooms

Paper towel dispensers are too high

Mary to follow up

--Dean Bank: parking spot resolved

--fire hydrants: up to code. Mr Nutting said that they will not be moved.

--GATRA/Kiesling:

Mary to meet with Kiesling manager then will meet with GATRA regarding our concerns with Dial A Ride.

--Commuter rail accessibility in South Boston: Mary spoke to MBTA official in Boston

Mary suggested having volunteers to direct people who need assistance.

During off peak hours

Why can't people board the closest car as opposed to the farthest car?

--not enough time to get from main part of station to car for a person with disabilities

--Membershio status:

Adding a new member was discussed. Commission came to a consensus and Chairman to convey this to Town Administrator.

--Big Y bathroom: Mary followed up with manager: Big Y is currently discussing options.

COMMUNICATIONS:

--Deb Bean
--Building Inspector

New Business:

--Post Office

Mail trucks parking in HP space

HP spaces not being used by the trucks during business hours.

Mary followed up with Post Office and they said the HP space is always available during business hours.

Post Office to get a new HP sign that's visible from both sides within a few weeks.

Mary will Re-emphasize that snow should not be plowed into hp space.

--DECEMBER MEETING: 12/13/12:

12/13/12 IS NOT A GOOD DATE FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS.

A MOTION MADE AND CARRIED TO NOT MEET IN DECEMBER.

--NATIONAL GRID: PROBLEM WITH GENERATORS ON PECK ST. POWER OFTEN GOES OUT IN SENIOR/DISABLED HOUSING ON CENTRAL PARK TERRACE.

--BJ'S GAS: hp spot next to cashier's shed is being used by the cashier attendant. ADA law requires any self serve gas station to provide service to a disabled person. Mary to follow up

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM

Minutes submitted by Lorraine McLaughlin

Next meeting will be Thursday, 1/3/13 at the Community room, Central Park Terrace