

## **September 6, 2012**

### **Disability Commission Minutes**

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

Absent: Jeffrey Nutting, ADA Administrator

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and carried to accept the June 2012 minutes.

#### **Old Business:**

--Membership status: The Chairman believes a new member was appointed which leaves one opening on the Commission.

--Dean Bank parking: moving HP parking spot. The parking spot is painted but the sign hasn't been moved.

--hydrants placed in middle of sidewalk are in compliance---Town Administrator agreed to have them moved.

-They are a hindrance to wheelchairs, bicycles, strollers, etc.

--A motion made and carried to have this past year's Commission Chairman write a letter to Town Administrator with a copy to the Town Council regarding concerns about this issue.

#### **Communications:**

--Correspondence: No new correspondence

#### **New business:**

--Cable Access channel: The Commission posted a number to call to reach members on the Commission regarding concerns related to people with disabilities.

--Parking at the Big Y: Commission received feedback regarding parking. There are 8 HP spaces and 200 non HP spaces which is in

compliance with ADA regulation.

--Communications with ADA Administrator:

Clerk to email ADA Administrator monthly to ask for status of current issues being followed up on as well as new concerns to be addressed.

--Commission would like to invite new building inspector to attend a Commission meeting.

issues to discuss with building inspector: improving communication with the Commission; better enforcement of disability access laws; Summer St. Marini building: two hp places impossible for people to use and are not in compliance size and neither is van accessible, heavy door pull, walk length of building underground to get to elevator, in compliance but not safe. isabellas, new high school, downtown improvement; reviewing building plans etc.

--Commission would also like to invite safety officer, Sergeant Spillane to attend a Commission meeting.

--Elections:

Results were unanimous as follows:

Clerk: Lorraine McLaughlin

Vice-Chairman: Lucy Negrone

Chairman: Mary O'Neil

The Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

The Next meeting will be on 10/4/12 at the Central Park Terrace Community Room.

Minutes submitted by Lorraine McLaughlin

