

Hull Commission on Disability

Date: October 12, 2006

Location: Town Hall

Time: 4:00 pm

Attendees: Joan Humphreys, Meagan Maynard, Bill Townsend, Bruce Wood, and Jim Maurer

Discussion Items:

1. Housekeeping
2. Current projects
3. New projects

Housekeeping

Winter Meetings:

*If snow prevents members from attending a regular meeting, the Commission has agreed to stay in touch by E-mail and possibly meet the following Thursday.

Election of Officers:

*Bill Townsend will continue as Chair of the Commission and Bruce Wood as Assistant Chair. Bill is leaving for Florida the first of the year and will not be back until spring; Bruce will assume duties as Chair in the interim. Bill will produce an annual report to the Town after the first of the year.

Commission Volunteer:

Bill will address a letter to the School Committee commending Meagan for her work with the Commission.

Current Projects

High School:

*Bill has created a report of items that did not pass the recent survey for the Building Commissioner, the Architect and the School Building Committee. Most of the conflicts were architectural problems such as a sufficient reach range for disabled people. Bill is going to contact the AAB about the status of the Auditorium variance as it is understood that the architect has applied for an extension. Bill will address a letter to the SBC concerning responsibility for AAB compliance.

Main Street:

*The workers have been finishing up the curb cuts and sidewalks and Bill stated he still needs to measure them to see if they are compliant. Bill has suggested handicapped parking locations in the commuter lot and the Mass Highway engineer has agreed. Bill had questioned the slope to the overlook platform to be put near the windmill and new plans for the ramp will be created.

Beach Access:

DCR

* Bruce has spoken to the site engineer and the handicapped parking spaces that were requested have been added. Vertical signs will be placed soon. Bruce will follow up on the progress and contact the DCR as needed. Jim and Bruce will attend the meeting

concerning this project on Thursday. Bill will follow up on our request for a seat on the DCR Citizens Advisory Committee for Nantasket Beach.

A Street

*Bill is going to write a letter to the current engineer stating that we will go in a different direction. Bruce will investigate other engineers for a proposal for A Street.

Senior Center:

*Site visit - Bill and Joan have done a site survey for accessibility. Local electricians are to be contacted to get electric door openers put in. The accessibility survey found that there are problems with the elevators, emergency alarms and that door opening maintenance needs to be done. A letter will be addressed to the Board of Selectmen with findings and suggestions.

Parking:

Ocean Club

*Bill has written a letter concerning handicapped parking spaces; he has not heard back from them. Another letter will be written suggesting vertical signs to be put up for the parking spaces.

Jake's Seafood

*The Commission has heard back that handicapped parking spaces will be reinstated.

Friendship Park

*A problem with handicapped parking has been discussed and no resolution has been reported.

Tedeschi's Food Shop:

*Peter was to check on the down spout problem; no information yet.

Hingham Savings Bank:

*The project is nearly complete. As soon as the ramp is completed a survey will be done.

New projects

CVS Cohasset:

*Bill is going to address a letter to the town manager and building commissioner stating that access problems may exist at CVS and that a review may need to be done. Hull citizens have complained about accessibility issues.

Submitted by Meagan Maynard

Next meeting: Thursday November 9th, at 4:00pm in the Town Hall.