

Hull Commission on Disability

February, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2009

Location: Hull Town Hall

Time: 5:30

Attendees: Ken MacDonald, Bruce Wood, Peter Lombardo, Jim Maurer, Joan Humphreys, and Meagan Maynard

Discussion Items:

Active Projects:

*Destination Community Development- Ken sent an email to Jennifer Berardi inviting them to a Commission meeting. He has not received a response and will follow-up.

*A Street Beach Ramp- The Commission will request a written timeline from Bob Fultz for completion. Ken will monitor contact Bob.

*Kenberma Foodmart Renovation- Peter believes the two remaining issues have been resolved and will explore. Ken doesn't believe the catch basin grate has been changed, and it still remains a hazard in the path of travel.

*Senior Center Renovations- Raymond Design is completing their evaluation and the grant has been submitted. Bruce strongly suggested the Commission review the final design plans and he will follow-up with Bob Fultz upon his return from vacation. Joan feels it is a waste of money to renovate the center, as the town may move the senior center in a consolidation. This has not been formalized, so Peter, Bruce, and Ken feel things need to move forward as proposed. As for the current HP space lacking signage, Peter will see it gets installed when the ground thaws.

*DCR Work- The Commission will monitor progress into the spring.

*Steamboat Wharf Marina Construction- The project completion (paving lot) is on hold until the spring. The Commission will monitor.

*Jake's Seafood- An elevated walkway has been constructed around the restaurant's perimeter. Peter will check this out as the spring paving is planned.

*Jacobs Elementary School- The issue with the vertical lift at the main entrance is being discussed by the school building committee. Joan recently had a very negative experience using the lift. She feels the signage is poor, they couldn't find the key, and the lift didn't work properly. David Twombly is aware and will review the situation.

*ADA Transition Plan for Hull- On Tuesday, February 10th, the Board of Selectmen approved the plan, and Bob Fultz can move forward with his grant application. Bruce emphasized making multiple copies available to the public.

*Spinnaker Island Condos- There has been no news and this issue will be removed from the agenda unless the owner contacts the Commission.

Inactive Projects:

*The Performing Arts Center- There has been no progress or formal plans submitted yet. There may be a meeting with the owner in March. The Commission will monitor.

New Projects:

*Commuter Boat- On Tuesday, February 10th, there was a presentation before the BOS. They would like to use a different type of boat at the Pemberton stop and it may require some access changes. They have asked for input. Ken is going to get in touch with the Michael McGurl from WTA.

*Letters of Appreciation- The Commission has been working on a letter of appreciation for Meagan Maynard. This will help her get into colleges as a helpful recommendation. The Commission is also going to recognize Bill Townsend for all of his accomplishments and loyalty to the Commission. Ken is undertaking these projects.

*Business District by the Clarion- Joan has experienced access issues at her former hair dresser there and feels an additional hand rail would be beneficial. Bruce is going to make a letter out to the owner of this building. The reasoning for this is for heightened accessibility. This may also draw in customers that were not able to get into the shops before.

*CDBG Plan Committee- Bob Fultz is forming a committee to assist him in assessing projects for the CDBG plan. Bruce is going to be a member of this committee and is going to represent the Commission.

Next Meeting is on March 12, 2009 at 5:30 at the Town Hall
Submitted by Meagan Maynard