

Hull Commission on Disability – Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13, 2005

Location: Town Hall

Time: 6:00pm

Attendees: Joan Humphreys, Peter Lombardo, Bill Townsend, Bruce Wood

Discussion items:

1. Housekeeping
2. Current Projects
3. New Projects
4. New Business
5. Other Action Items

Housekeeping:

- Joan Humphreys and Bruce Wood were appointed to openings on the Commission. Joan for 1 year and Bruce for 3 years.
- Officers for the term Sept 05 to Sept 06 are Bill Townsend, Chair/Secretary; Bruce Wood Vice-Chair.
- Discussed Rules & By-laws. The Commission will follow the typical by-laws as outlined in Mass Office on Disability documentation as well as the typical by-laws of the Town, as appropriate. Bill will make sure the members receive a copy of the MOD guidelines.
- Meetings time has been changed to 4:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Town Hall, 1st floor.
- The Town Clerk's office has indicated that they will make sure incoming email intended for the Commission will be forwarded to Bill.
- The Commission agreed that an "event log" needs to be kept. Bill will develop a prototype for the next meeting.
- Bill will request updates to the Commission's home page on the Town web site.

Current Projects:

High School

- A site visit to survey the parking lot and football field needs to be scheduled.
- We need to generate a letter to the School Committee outlining our views concerning escape and rescue plans for disabled students, bus parking at curb cuts, our availability as a resource, etc.

Main Street

No activity.

Memorial School

- Need to schedule a site visit to conduct an accessibility survey.

Apollo Building

- Completed a site visit to discuss renovating the Café restroom. Need to follow up with a meeting with the Architect & Building Dept. to discuss access issues.

Beach access

- Established a working relationship with the Beach Management Committee (BMC). Bill will attend meetings whenever possible.
- Bill forwarded a report on general access requirements for ramps & walkways to the BMC and will try to obtain a copy of the MOD beach access report from a few years ago.

Senior Center

- Completed a site visit to assess the main entrance. A report on accessibility will be delivered to Barbara Lawlor.

New Projects:

- Added the following businesses to the list of sites that will require accessibility surveys:
 - Rockland Trust – lobby renovations
 - Hingham Savings – lobby renovations
 - Nantasket Pier – installation of a temporary trailer as a sales office.
 - Dunkin' Donuts – entrance renovations

New Business:

- Need to see if roadway resurfacing around Hampton Circle & on Strawberry Hill will include any sidewalks.
- Received a call concerning parking at Spinnaker Island. No site visit requested at this time.
- Need to establish a working relationship with the Emergency Management Committee. Bill will contact Joyce Sullivan.
- Need to see if the Commission can be a resource to the Sustainable Transportation group being formed by Judith Van Hamm.
- Need to check door opening force at the main entrance to Sovereign Bank. Bill will contact the branch manager and schedule a time for a site visit.

Other Action Items:

- Bill will follow up with MOD on proposed changes to CMR 521.
- Peter will see if he can get extra copies of building plans for Rockland Trust, Hingham Institute & Dunkin' Donuts to the Commission for review.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10 at 4:00pm in the Town Hall.

Submitted by Bill Townsend