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The Town of Millbury
Commission on Disabilities
Municipal Office Building 127 Elm Street Millbury, Ma. 01527

Meeting Minutes

Date; April 12, 2018

Time; 6:30 PM

Present;

Mike Kennedy; Chair, Debbi Dymek; Secretary, Jim Clifford, Tom Brown; Vice Chair and Kent Stowe; Treasurer.

Guest;

Millbury Police Chief, Donald Desorcy

Before our April meeting came to order, we had a moment of silence for one of our former members, Cheryl Piasta who had recently passed away. She was a faithful member and will certainly be missed.

Meeting Minutes;

The minutes for the December 14, 2017 meeting were read and accepted as read. Motion by Tom to accept and second by Kent. All members voted unanimously.

The first thing on the agenda was a discussion of handicap parking revenue with Chief Desorcy. We, as a Commission wanted to know what kind of activities are out there with the handicap parking violations and the second issue is with a Disability Commission like ours under Mass General Law Chapter 40 Section 8J, if voted in at Town Meeting, handicap parking revenue could go directly to the Commission on Disability for anything that assists people with disabilities in town. Chapter 40 Section 22G that would allow the Commission to have the handicap violations go to a fund and set aside, then distributed when and where the Commission feels that it is appropriate.

The Chief then gave us a rundown of how much they have collected from handicap parking violations in the past few years.

If the Town approves this, our Commission would not approve it, they would make a recommendation to the Town that these funds be appropriated to a particular project. Basically the Commission would have say to where the Money is going.

The Town would put protocols in place in order to accomplish what we are trying to do.

We as a Commission thanked the Chief for attending our meeting. He said he will keep us updated.

Tom was asked to follow up on finding what we have to do to put our request on the Town Warrant for the next Town Meeting or if we have a special Town Meeting. He said he would check with the Chief.

Debbi made a motion to have Tom pursue in setting up a Warrant for Chapter 40 Section 22G and follow up with the Town Clerk about what steps we have to take.

Jim second the motion.

All voted unanimously.

Mike contacted the DPW director about the handicap parking space on lower Elm St. The director responded that our request must be sent to our Town Planner, Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager for any changes.

Debbi then brought up an old email that she came across from 2016 that we did send a letter to the Select Board but was wondering if we received any response.

Mike will check back into his old email and get back to us if he finds any response letter.

Mike sent a message to the Town Planner about the traffic signals in the center of Town. The Town Planner responded that the Town Manager had signed the DEP contract which will pay a large percentage of engineering costs. The Town will pay the balance of the engineering cost. The DEP contract is now in Boston and now awaiting approval by the DEP. When it is approved will then be able to proceed with the design with Weston and Samson. The goal is to complete the design this summer and then apply for the ADA improvement grant once that application is released.

New Business:

David Marciello sent the Commission a letter.

First, he was apologizing for not attending the Resource Fair; he was tied up with other Town matters.

Second, he gave us updates on handicap ramps and sidewalks around Town Hall and the center of Town.

As for the issue pertaining to the social worker dedicated for social, emotional and physical disabilities, he has had several conversations with our Regional Health Agencies, out of Worcester, and now they have agreed to do a study and survey on the issue.

David will keep us abreast on all further developments.

Debbi asked for her yearly request for reimbursement for secretarial supplies.

Seeing according to a new 2016 law that went into effect, we as a Commission voted Kent, as being Treasurer, the permission to sign any sales receipt under the cost of \$100.00.

Debbi gave her sales receipt to Kent for reimbursement from the Financial Office in Town.

Announcements:

Mike made an announcement that the Mass Office on Disability is holding a regional Commission on Disability meeting from 11 am to 2 pm on June 6 in Webster Mass. This meeting will give us all new updates in the disability commission world

Mike also announced that Town Manager, David Marciello appointed him to the Millbury Complete Streets Committee.
Congrats! to Mike.

Mike also reminded everyone that April 24 was voting day and May 1 is the annual Town Meeting day at 7 pm in the High School.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kent second the motion.
Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on May 10, 2018

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Respectfully submitted,
Debbi Dymek, Secretary

Michael B...
Kent Stone
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Jim Clifford