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The Town of Millbury

Commission on Disabilities

Municipal Office Building 127 Elm Street Millbury, Ma. 01527

Meeting Minutes

Date; October 13, 2016 **Time;** 6:30 PM

Present; Mike Kennedy; Chair, Kent Stowe; treasurer, Tom Brown; Vice Chair, Debbi Dymek; Secretary, Jim Clifford, Nancy Whittier and Renee Earnest.

Guest;

Dennis Hill and Sandy Cristo

Meeting Minutes;

The September meeting was canceled because the meeting fell on the night of an Town election.

The minutes for the June 9 meeting were read and accepted as read. Motion by Tom to accept and second by Renee. All members voted unanimously.

Downtown Infrastructure:

Accessible Parking Spaces on Lower Elm St.

Cheryl attended the Select Board meeting on October 11, on behalf of the Commission to push for some handicap parking spaces on lower Elm St. This issue never came up at this meeting, so Cheryl will draft a letter and send it to the Select Board on behalf of the Commission and request that some handicap parking spaces be placed on lower Elm St. A motion was made so that Cheryl would draft a formal letter to the Select Board after all members of the Commission reviewed it and gave their OK, requesting that some handicap parking spaces be placed on lower Elm St.

The motion was made by Tom and second by Jim. All members voted unanimously.

The curb cuts on the corner of Heywood Glenn and Millbury Ave. are being constructed.

Millbury Bandstand Project:

Dennis Hill attended our meeting and gave the members an extensive outline of the progress that has been accomplished up to this day. Dennis explained all the hold ups and difficulties he came across and how he remedied all the problems.

There are still a few other issues with the old brick walkway that has to be raised and the handicap parking area that has to be taken care of.

There was a time extension granted to November 1, 2016 to get the project completed. Sandy Cristo mentioned that the dedication and compassion of Dennis made this project happen.

The entire Disability Commission thanked Dennis for his effort in getting this project done.

New Business:

Certificate of Organization.

This is done on a yearly basis to vote in the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the year. The Commission voted on keeping the same slate of officers as last year. Each officer accepted his or her position.

As of July 1, 2016, the Commission on Disability consists of:

Mike Kennedy, Chairman. Tom Brown, Vice Chairman. Debbi Dymek, Secretary. Kent Stowe, Treasurer. Renee Ernest, member. Jim Clifford, member. Nancy Whittier, Member. Cheryl Piasta, Member.

Mike made a motion and asked the Secretary to cast one vote to accept the slate of officers for the Certificate of Organization

Debbi made the motion and Tom second the motion.

All members voted unanimously.

Announcements:

Mike again thanked Cheryl for attending the Select Board meeting on behalf of the Commission.

There was a variance request for Irene Court. It had to do with a walkway sidewalk running slope. There was a section that was well over 5%. The request was heard by the AAB and denied.

There is a community preparation meeting on Wednesday, November 9 from 2:30 to 4:30 at Worcester City Hall, this is about Emergency Preparedness. It is free and open to the public and if you attend the meeting they will be distributing Go Bags which contain articles that you would need in an emergency. If anyone is interested in attending please call to reserve your seat at 508 799-8486.

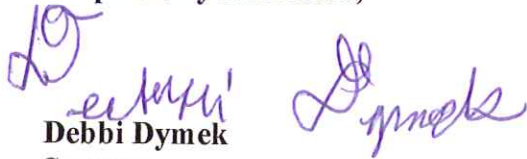
On Wednesday November 19, it is White Cane Awareness Day, which will take place in Worcester at City Hall.

Renee announced that there would be a Resource Fair held on Saturday March 11, 2017 at Elmwood School. As more plans are made for this event, Renee will update us.

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

Next meeting will be held on November 10, 2016

Respectfully submitted,


Debbi Dymek
Secretary







