



The Town of Millbury Commission on Disabilities

Municipal Office Building 127 Elm Street Millbury, Ma. 01527

Meeting Minutes

Date; December 12, 2013 **Time;** 6:00 PM

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

Guest;

Frank Gagliardi President of the Millbury Historical Society
Sandy Cristo chairman of the Asa Waters Mansion Task Force, Dennis Hill member of the Asa Waters Task Force, Catherine Elliot director of the Asa Waters Mansion, Arman White vice chair of the Asa Waters Task Force, Maureen Army member of the Board of Trustees of Asa Waters Society, Mary Lou Mulhane vice chair of the Asa Waters Historical Society and town manager Robert Spain. A representative, Josh Farnsworth from the Millbury -Sutton Chronicle was present.

Minutes of last meeting;

The minutes of the November 14th meeting were read and accepted as read and presented, with one correction made by Tom to state that the minutes were voted unanimously. A motion was made to accept by Tom Brown and second by Jim Clifford. All members voted unanimously.

Minutes;

Asa Waters Mansion;

Our location of the November meeting was held in the large conference room of Town Hall and broadcast live on our local cable access channel. Frank Gagliardi explained that the historical Society have been video taping portions of the museum to be recorded on DVD to be played back on a lap-top or possibly a large screen TV for disabled people to view on the first floor of the mansion, which was suggested by the Disability Commission in the previous meeting with the Historical Society.

The members of the Asa Waters Task Force was not aware of the suggestion of the large TV until that day. Sandy Cristo said that she would discuss this issue with the members of the Task Force at the upcoming meeting on January 7th.

Dennis Hill brought up the issue the location of the TV Will have to be examined so that it does not interfere with the integrity of the plaster lath walls.

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Members of the Disability Commission decided to place this issue on hold for at least one month until the Task Force has discussed this issue with their members and get back to us at the February meeting on February 13. A motion was made by Tom Brown and Second by Debbi Dymek. The board on this topic made a unanimous vote.

Access to Bandstand;

Dennis Hill gave an overview of his diagram of the original plan for the design for accessibility for the bandstand. Sketches and revisions were made on Plan A and presented to us. The Disability Commission agreed to endorse these plans and gave permission to the Task force to discuss these plans with their members at their next meeting and also contact the Town Planner and all other parties that would be involved with this project.

Mike was asked to draft a letter and send it to the Town Manager and the Task Force that the Disability Commission endorses Plan A and to go forward with Step 1 in the bandstand project.

A motion was made by Tom and second by Debbi for Mike to compose a letter of support to the Town Manager to endorse Plan A on accessibility of the bandstand as discussed during the meeting.

With no questions or discussions the vote was unanimous.

Downtown Infrastructure;

A suggestion was made to ask the DPW Director to attend our next meeting and discuss not only the length of the chirper signals but give him an updated list of sidewalks and curb cuts that we feel need work. We can at this time ask him about the status of the main intersection in town.

Debbi said that she would contact him and ask him to attend our next meeting on behalf of the commission.

Top Soccer;

Nancy extended an invitation to the awards ceremony of the Top Soccer group. This would be held in January at the Elmwood School from 3 to 4 pm. There are ten participants and the children are really enjoying themselves. We should be so very proud of them.

Tom mentioned that he was in contact with the Chief of Police. The Chief mentioned that if the Commission needed any assistance, please get in touch with him or the Police Department.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tom second the motion. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.

Next meeting will be held on January 9, 2014 at 6 pm in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Dymek

Debbi Dymek, Secretary

Michael Young, Chair

Jim McClifford

Nancy Whittier