



# The Town of Millbury Commission on Disabilities

Municipal Office Building 127 Elm Street Millbury, Ma. 01527

## Meeting Minutes

**Date; November 12, 2015 Time; 6:30 PM**

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

**Guest;**  
None

### **Meeting Minutes;**

The minutes for the October 8 meeting were read and accepted as read. Motion by Tom to accept and second by Nancy. All members voted unanimously.

### **Millbury Historical Society Chain of Lights Request:**

At the October meeting, members granted permission to the Millbury Historical Society to display their DVD and have several articles for people to handle at the Millbury Library during the Chain of Lights event.

Proper signage will be posted in several places in the area and the Chain of Lights has this event listed in the Chain of Lights pamphlet.

### **Asa Waters Bandstand Project:**

The town asked for a time variance request to the AAB on the Asa Waters bandstand. This variance was granted by the AAB to the town but opposed by the Millbury Commission on Disabilities.

Mike wrote a letter of opposition to the AAB and also filled out a form stating that on behalf of the Millbury Disability Commission, we were aggrieved with the disition.

A hearing will be conducted on December 14 in Boston to clarify this situation.

Tom made a motion and Jim second the motion to send Mike on behalf of the Millbury Commission on Disabilities to the AAB hearing in Boston

Members also recommended having a date of completion for this project on June 30, 2016.

All members voted unanimously.

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Variance request for the northwest corner of South Main St. and School St.

A width for a sidewalk path of travel.

In this case, there is a telephone pole planted in the path of travel giving only a 34-inch area to travel.

More of an issue is the transition of a driveway and the new sidewalk. This was unusable for anyone using a wheelchair.

Through correspondence with Mike and the DPW director and the engineer that did the work, Mike stated that if you wanted a variance for the width, but were willing to fix the transition, between the driveway and the beginning of the sidewalk, we could work something out.

After further investigation, this area was not totally corrected.

Mike will take a look at it and may have to file an access complaint.

### **New Business:**

This is just an FYI at the moment.

At the corner of Millbury Ave. and Heywood Glenn, there was some work at the sidewalk. Whoever did the work failed to put a curb cut at the corner.

Pictures of this area were sent to Mr. McNeil. He will have to contact the person who repaired the corner and have him put in a curb cut.

We would like this repaired soon.

Remote Participation:

Open Meeting laws pertaining to COD's.

Some commissions have made a requests regarding the implementation of remote participation. Of such below is a process for enacting remote participation for your commission.

NOTE: that the role call can be done to allow remote participation for that meeting only or in the alternative, the vote can be for all meetings going forward. You need only denote such fact during the vote and in the minutes.

**Step 1:** Have a quorum of commissioner's physical present at the meeting location during the regular meeting

Have the commissions take a recording role call vote of the following:

**Pursuant to MGL c. 30A Sec. 20(e), we now vote to authorize remote participation (OPTION 1; Generally to all of the commissions meetings).**

Tom made a motion for remote participation for all meetings, Debbi second the motion. RESULTS; Debbi Dymek; yeah, Jim Clifford; yeah, Tom Brown; yeah, Nancy Whittier; yeah Kent Stowe; yeah, Mike Kennedy; yeah.

All members voted unanimously.

We will have to check with Kevin to see how this remote participation can be carried out.

We also need the approval of the Select Board

**Announcements:**

There will be a meeting sponsored by the Disability Law Center. This meeting is about trying to get people with disabilities to participate and get out and vote in our upcoming National Election.

This meeting will be held at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center at 181 Boston Post Road, Marlborough Mass, from 10am-3 pm

All are invited.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting will be held on December 17, 2015 .**

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbi Dymek*  
Debbi Dymek

Secretary

*Jim McElford*  
*[Signature]*

*Hent Stone*

*Cheryl A. Prasta*

*Nancy Whittier*

*Melba [Signature]*