Commission on Disabilities

Minutes: September 18, 2014

Present: Prudence Hartshorn, Dionne Dupuis, Dinah O’Brien

Absent: Keven Joyce and Charles Schena

Guests: Tom Finnegan, Ted Gentry Associates; James Jordan and Justin Tibeault Ai3 Architects; Judy Bennett, Kessler McGuinness & Associates.

Minutes of the June 2014 meeting are accepted as presented.

Correspondence: Phone calls: Beach and Parking Issues. Letters: Architectural Access Board two letters concerning 54 Headlands Drive: 1. small depression in asphalt that has been patched and 2. requesting proof that patch is holding up; Independent Associates pamphlet on developing independent living plans; Dis-abilities Issues Winter addition; Greater Plymouth Performing Arts Center variance which we have addressed; article about the Beach Chairs from the Cape Cod Times which notes that in 2015 they will be delivering beach chairs to Plymouth.

Plymouth South High School: Mr. Jordan presented the plans and overview of the proposed new high school noting that the majority of activity and programs will be on the first floor, right side of building for public use with gym, cafeteria, music, etc. Mr. Jordan and his team have met with Paul McAuliffe, Building Inspector, to review the proposed variances and received his approval. If the Commission on Disabilities approves then they will submit application to the Department of Public Safety Architectural Access Board.

 Variance #1: Handrails on auditorium ramp. Same configuration as Plymouth North High School.

Variance #2: Accessible Route to the Stage

 Variance #3: Continuous Handrails at Auditorium Stairsess

 Variance #4: Uniform Tread Width.

See details of presentation application.

Moved by Dinah O’Brien, seconded by Dionne Dupuis that the Commission approved the following conditions for variance in relations to the Plymouth South High School project:

24.5 Handrails on Auditorium ramp

14.6 Access to the Stage from Balcony Seats

27.4.1 Continuous handrails on auditorium stairs

27.2 Stair Treads

 Approved 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

Indian Head Resort Handicapped opinion: Keven was going to draft a letter of support to the Board of Selectmen.

Plymouth Beach ramp. Will be installed for 2015 beach season

Smile: no real update.

New Business: Dionne has been in touch with Real abilities about March film festival. Once she hears she can be in touch with ARC of Plymouth for film selection and a speaker on the subject of the film Once this is place then Dionne will invite ARC of Plymouth and Sharon Larosa and others involved to next meeting to set next steps.

Dionne moved to adjourn and Dinah second. Approved at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting October 16, 2014 in the Board Room of the Plymouth Public Library at 6:00 p.m.