Disability Commission Approved  minutes from 9/17/2015

Meeting was held at 7 PM at the Town Hall 1st floor conference room

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM

In attendance:   Trisha Malphrus

                           Linda Fistel

                           Jim Badger

                           Rupinder Sembhi

                           Sam Paster

                           Laura Spathanas

Also: Yaacof Litsker

Approved August minutes

Updates on Clarke School- still no updates available. Spoke about cost related to getting the public records that our commission can not afford. We also spoke about Rupinder Sembhi writing a letter that we will send to the school and the mass architect board to get details about the delays and requesting a weekly project report

Updates on Account         - account is set up but there are no funds in it. We will email Chief Maddagan about this

Updates on Cross walks  - spoke and will email Gino Cresta, Sgt. Lord and Chief Mattagan on our disagreement of moving the crosswalk on the corner by Burrill st and Humphrey St

Update on Town Hall stairs- still no due date but brought the commission up to date on non-replies from Tom Younger. We will ask for a time line from Mr. Younger

We spoke about the Housing Master Plan and the commission only felt that the one question about multi family housing is the only one that pertained to us

We spoke about community outreach projects- Linda Fistel will reach out to the schools and we will discuss at the next meeting, inviting our town officials for a community walk

We then had a long talk about getting organized and reaching out to different committees and town departments listed below:

DPW- curb cuts, signage, streets and crosswalks

Building Department-building relationship so we are contacted with new permits given out.  Rupinder is coming up with a plan to talk to Rich about

open space- accessibility in these areas

Recreation-accessibility and having events in handicap venues

Master Plan- universal accessibility and a plan for Vinnon sq

Beach entry- accessibility

We started to talk about goals and clean up some projects we had already started.We need to work on finishing the power doors at town hall, the placement of crosswalks, getting some lights fixed at bad crosswalks and our curb cut wish list, which Sam Paster is going to work on.

Also, about organizing all chairs to meet together every so often

Trisha Malphrus will try to get put on finance agenda for a small balance so we can do some outreach/marketing

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Malphrus   Chair