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**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John McLaughlin, Chairperson; Jeff Dougan, member; Megan Sommer, member; Jean Batty, concerned resident

1. Call to Order. Chairperson John McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Cudworth Road.

2. Acceptance of Past Minutes. Mr. Dougan motioned to accept the October 2015 meeting minutes. Ms. Sommer seconded the motion. Motion to accept the meeting minutes passed unanimously.

3: Old Business

- A) Public Safety Complex: No new information available at this time. The Commission will continue to monitor this project.
- B) Lighthouse Boardwalk: The Commission will continue to monitor this project. No new information will probably be available until the Spring.
- C) CoD Webpage: The town is offering IT training to members interested in having access to the Commission's webpage. Mr. Dougan offered to take the training depending on availability.
- D) Jenkins Curb Cut: Still no curb cut despite the Commission offering to pay for some of the expense. CoD will continue to monitor.
- E) New Middle School: There was no new information about this project at this time. The Commission will continue to monitor this project.
- F) Maritime Center: Mr. McLaughlin met with Harbormaster Stephen Mone to discuss accessibility issues. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the Harbormaster Building was in the process of undergoing renovation. The CoD discussed compliance issues related to Marine Centers which were adopted in 2010, including accessible features in showers and for the gangway. The Commission would like to see plans for any renovations before construction begins.
- G) Handicapped Parking Enforcement: Mr. McLaughlin met with Lt. Thomas on 12-3 to discuss handicapped parking enforcement. Lt. Thomas stated that all police are trained that they can go onto private property to ticket and/or tow for handicapped parking violations.

4. New Business

- A) CoD Budget: The CoD has \$5000 in the budget to help cover maintenance and fuel costs for the vans shared with the Council on Aging. The Council is

entitle to at least 50% of that money now. Mr. Dougan made a motion for Mr. McLaughlin to transfer funds to cover those expenses; the commission just needs an invoice. Ms. Sommer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B) Playgrounds: The Seaside Park playground at the High School is scheduled to be demolished to make way for the new Middle School project. Ms. Sommer offered to sit on any committees which form to explore building a new playground.
- C) Library Project: The demolition and construction of the new Town Library has begun. The project appears to be growing in scope, and the CoD discussed offering an AAB and ADA audit of the building before Scituate takes ownership. Mr. Dougan will draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Library renovation project.

5. Adjournment. Ms. Sommer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dougan seconded it. All voted to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. The next CoD meeting is scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Sommer