

Commission on Disabilities, May 25, 2011 <>
TOWN OF SCITUATE MASSACHUSETTS

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETING
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Dougan, Chairperson; Paige Tobin; Megan Sommer, Anne Breen

1. Call to Order . Chairperson Jeffrey Dougan called the meeting to order at 7:30pm at Little Red Schoolhouse on Cudworth Road.

2. Acceptance of Minutes. The March minutes were unanimously approved as written 4-0.

3. Old Business

A)MBTA – Greenbush. Complaints were filed, and two hearings are taking place on 6-20-11. One hearing will address the missing curb cuts, and the other will address the apex curb cuts.

B)Transportation Options. The Council on Aging is currently coordinating efforts to obtain GATRA for the Town. The CoD will continue to be involved with this process.

C)Maritime Center Ramp and Stairway. Ramp and stairway are still not corrected. The CoD maintains that the slips should be accessible. Mr. Dougan will be in contact with Mark Patterson regarding the concerns.

D)Lawson Tower – Walkway Slope. Mr. Dougan will write a letter to Neil Duggan, Building Inspector, and invite him to the June Meeting. A vote was made to draft a letter raising concerns about accessibility at Lawson Tower, the Welch Building, and the marina at Scituate Marine Park. The vote was unanimously approved.

E)Gazebo – Brick Concerns at Base of New Ramp. Ms. Tobin will follow up on this.

F)2012 Budget. The full budget was awarded to the CoD.

G)Grits Mill. The Town is looking into options for a ramp, and it most likely will request a variance. Mr. Dougan will continue to monitor the plans.

4. New Business

A)Date of 2011 Meetings. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday June 17.

B)Welch Co. Building. The building management needs to request a variance because many of the stores are not ADA compliant. This will be addressed with Mr. Duggan.

C)Yacht Club. The Yacht Club is building a snack bar on a roof which will not be used for special events. The view from the proposed seating area is not better than from ground floor area. They are requesting a variance based on impracticability, which was supported by the CoD.

D)Inn at Scituate Harbor. There is a bar located in the building that is not accessible by the main entrance. Ms. Tobin will verify path of travel and determine when there was a change in use.

E)HB 2883. There was a discussion about members opposing this bill.

5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Martin