

**Commission on Disabilities, March 9, 2011 <>**  
**TOWN OF SCITUATE MASSACHUSETTS**

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETING**  
**March 9, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Dougan, Chairperson; Paige Tobin; Megan Sommer Romick.

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 November minutes were unanimously approved as written 3-0.

3. Old Business

A)MBTA – Greenbush. Mr. Dougan will prepare a memo on the status.

B)Transportation Options. Town pays \$114,000 to the MBTA even though Scituate does not get services. The Town is looking at using those funds toward GATRA for the disabled and elderly. The CoA is looking at getting credits from the MBTA for cost incurred for running the vans, 50% for fuel, maintenance, drivers would be reimbursed. The Selectmen would have to vote to participate in GATRA. GATRA is a fixed route transportation system. Van hours would be expanded and maintenance contributions would be made out of the GATRA fund. Duxbury uses GATRA and Scituate will look at modeling its system after Duxbury. Mr. Dougan said he wants to ensure the CoD is very involved in these discussions.

C)Marine Center Ramp and Stairway. Mr. Dougan said there are some concerns regarding the above plans received from the Harbormaster's office. He will write a memo to the Waterways Commission and will attend their April 6 meeting regarding this and item 4C below.

D)Lawson Tower – Walkway Slope. Mr Dougan will follow up on this.

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

F)HP Parking at High School Football Field. This project has been completed.

G)Wilder Brothers – Curb Cut and Path of Travel Concerns. Mr. Dougan will email Al Bangert, DPW regarding installing the HP sign at the head of the space on Country Way at Wilder Brothers.

H)Electronic Polling Machine at Last Election. Mr. Dougan said that the electronic voting machine has been installed.

4. New Business

A)2012 Budget. Mr. Dougan read memos between himself and the Town Administrator regarding the Commission on Disabilities budget.

B)Date of 2011 Meetings. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday April 13.

C)Marine Center – Upland Park. See 3C above.

D)Grist Mill. Mr. Dougan said the Historical Commission is looking at making a pocket park in this area and David Ball asked him to look at the area which has a slope. He said that grading solutions were looked at.

E)Other Business.

a. There was a brief discussion about the Town policy on service animals.

b. Ms. Romick mentioned the Safe Routes to School grant for sidewalks on Hollett Street to Hatherly School. Ms. Tobin said she will contact the Hatherly School principal to ask to review the plans.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Martin