

The Town of Millbury Commission on Disabilities

Municipal Office Building 127 Elm Street Millbury, Ma. 01527

Meeting Minutes

Date; December 14, 2017 Time; 6:30 PM

Present;

Mike Kennedy; Chair, Debbi Dymek; Secretary, Jim Clifford, Tom Brown; Vice Chair Nancy Whittier and Kent Stowe; Treasurer.

Guest;

David Marciello, Town Manager Paul Stringham, Inspector of Buildings

Meeting Minutes;

The minutes for the November 9 meeting were read and accepted as read. Motion by Tom to accept and second by Jim. All members voted unanimously.

The DPW director was invited to our meeting, but due to illness he was not able to attend.

Mike made a list of sidewalks and curb cut repairs that we would like to see get repaired. Because the DPW director was ill, Mike gave this list to the Town Manager and he will then in turn give this list to the DPW director when he returns.

At this time the Town Manager gave us a hopeful update that Laurie Connor was successful in getting the 319 grant, which is the first step to design and engineer the Main and Elm St. project. Millbury is one of the only four communities that has been approved for this 319 grant.

Mike brought up the issue of cutting a curb cut in the sidewalk near Town Hall for any mobility device. This would enable anyone who has any wheelchair or mobility device to come up from Elm St. and travel all the way up to Town Hall and not have to travel in the middle of the driveway. The Town Manager and the Building Inspector will discuss this issue with the DPW director and check out this area for a remedy.

Another update that the Town Manager informed us about was that he presented the issue of a sub-committee at his Regional Manager meeting and they said that they were going to set up a sub-committee of their own to look into this issue of putting a person in charge as someone to go to when parents of mentally or physically challenged children have an issue after they get out of school.

Mr. Marciello will keep us informed when he meets again with the managers.

Announcements;

Mike read a statement from Governor Baker signed enforcement against disability parking abuse. In this statement it explains that the fines and penalties will be increased substantially for people parking in a handicap parking space who is wrongfully displaying a handicap plate or placard.

Debbi is going to check with the Town Clerk to see if there are any statutes in the books about issuing tickets to people who have illegally parked in a handicap space not only in a public parking area but also in a private lot.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim second the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on March 8, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Dymek, Secretary

Mine general Chair

John Strange