



# The Town of Millbury Commission on Disabilities

Municipal Office Building 127 Elm Street Millbury, Ma. 01527

## Meeting Minutes

**Date;** September 12, 2019 **Time;** 6:30 PM

### **Present;**

Mike Kennedy; Chair, Tom Brown; Vice Chair, Debbi Dymek; Secretary, Jim Clifford, Kent Stowe; Treasurer Dan Jakes and Justin Dobson.

### **Guest;**

Demetra Edwards from the Carroll Center  
Dennis Hill, Asa Waters Task Force

### **Meeting Minutes;**

The minutes for the August 8, 2019 meeting were read and accepted as written. Motion by Tom to accept and second by Justin. All members voted unanimously.

The Disability Commission welcomed Demetra, who is an orientation and mobility teacher from the Carroll Center to our meeting. She explained to us that she has a client from town that is having a problem crossing the street on his way to do food shopping at our local supermarket. Her request is asking for an audible pedestrian signal and possibly a locator tone on the poles at the intersection of Riverland, Canal and Grafton St. Mike said that there is no way we can resolve this issue. The commission supports the audible signals, but we have to figure out where to place it and where it will be going. This is a benefit to all in the area.

Tom mentioned that the Police Chief would have to be brought in on this issue along with the DPW director.

Mike said that we will keep up with this issue, but government wheels turn very slowly.

Our next guest, Dennis Hill, came to us to discuss the continuous loop handrails on the handicap ramp on the Asa Waters Bandstand.

Dennis is wondering if there can be an exemption from the AAB to decrease the length of these continuous loop handrails. Reason being that the 12 inch handrails are being snapped off. If this vandalism continues, it would be beneficial to get the size reduced to 6 inches.

Dennis is going to write a proposal and present to the Task Force with the correct wording, see how they feel about it and then bring it back to our commission and get the

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handrails corrected, back up to code, and if this vandalism happens again, we have the support of the commission for the variance to the AAB.

Dennis guarantees us that all repairs will be made as soon as possible.

Tom made a motion that Dennis makes a temporary repair right now, pending Boston on a 6 inch extension, Dan second the motion.

All voted unanimously.

### **CVS Accessibility Complaint;**

Mike received a message from the acting director of the AAB mentioning that CVS replied back to him saying that they had addressed the issue. Mr. Joyce asked Mike if he should send out a resolution. Mike told him, no not yet.

Communicating this message with Debbi, she and Jim followed up and took pictures of the areas in question and found that little to no improvement had been made.

Mike responded back to Mr. Joyce and sent along the newest photos.

We do not want to close the case until they completely address the issue.

Millbury Self-Evaluation Transition Plan for the Town Hall;

This issue will have to be tabled. Do to lack of communication on the part of the person that was to work with Mike; this project has to be put off until we get a new Town Manager.

### **New Business;**

Dan brought up the point that Cordis Mill was recently bought and they are remodeling. The existing handrails are not in compliance with any ADA code and there are disabled people that live in this building.

If the new owners will be pulling building permits, maybe the Building Inspector can take a look at this and remind them that there are some issues with the building as far as accessibility and ADA requirements.

Dan also brought up the issue of at the ramp leading to the entrance of Goretti's supermarket, there is not enough clearance for people in motorized wheelchairs or regular wheelchairs to get up the ramp because of all the market carriages in the way near the door.

Mike told Dan to take photos of both of these issues and send them not only to him but also to the building inspector.

We will discuss this at our next meeting.

### **Announcements;**

All Out Adventures had canceled the adaptive kayaking at Douglas State Park and changed to Lake Quinsigamond on September 14 and September 17 due to the Triple E threat.

Contact All Out Adventures if you are interested in attending on either of these days at 11, 12:30 or 2pm on either one or both of those days.

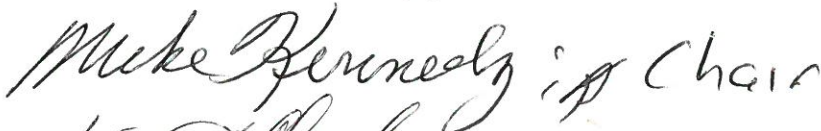
The Abilities Expo will be taking place on September 13, 14 and 15 at the Boston Convention Center.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom and second by Dan.  
Meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting will be held on October 10, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Debbi Dymek, Secretary

 Mike Kennedy is Chair

 Jan Clifford

 Justin Doherty

 Dan