



# The Town of Millbury

## Commission on Disabilities

Municipal Office Building 127 Elm Street Millbury, Ma. 01527

### Meeting Minutes

**Date;** March 11, 2021 **Time;** 6:30 PM

#### **Present;**

Mike Kennedy; Chair, through ZOOM  
Dan Jakes, Justin Dobson, Debbi Dymek; Secretary and Jim Clifford.

#### **Guest;**

Laurie Connors, Town Planner, through ZOOM  
Sean Hendricks, Town Manager, through ZOOM

#### **Meeting Minutes;**

We began the meeting with an introduction of all the members and then had a moment of silence for our Vice Chair, Tom Brown, who had passed away on February 1. He will definitely be missed.

The meeting then continued with Laurie Connors, who gave us an update of the Phase 1 construction and design of Phase 2 project.

Laurie said that the Phase 1 construction would be rapping up this spring. Milling and repaving in the designated areas at the intersection in the center of Town should be completed by June 30, 2021.

There will be more improvements in the Phase 2 project, like pedestrian walkways, bump outs, a redesign of the Veteran's Memorial area and pedestrian and vehicular connections to the municipal parking lot.

Changes to the Armory Village will be discussed at the Selectman's meeting on March 23, 2021. Feedback on the design will be greatly appreciated.

There will be picnic tables installed both in the Upper Common and the Lower Common. This will include not only standard picnic tables but also ADA accessible tables.

Laurie thanked Debbi for checking out the new pedestrian traffic signals to see if the audible signals and locating beacons were working properly.

Our Town Manager, Sean Hendricks, sat in on our meeting and was asked to say a few words.

He said that he was sorry that he could not meet with us in person, but he will do so in the future. Also Mr. Hendricks said that his office is always open if we had any issues.

Debbi thanked the Town Manager and said that there are some loose end projects that should be taken care of, and we will ask Mr. Hendricks to attend our meetings and hopefully he can remedy some of them.

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Mike asked Justin if he knew of anyone that would be interested in joining our commission. Now that we have an opening, we are looking for some new members that have a disability.

The minutes for the March 12, 2020 meeting were read and accepted as written. Motion by Dan to accept and second by Justin. All members voted unanimously.

Town manager then commented that whenever there is a vote and some members are on the call remotely, there should be a voice vote.  
Mike thanked the Manager for this comment.

Mike opened the floor for a nomination for a Vice Chair, to take the place of Tom.

Debbi nominated Dan for that position.

Dan accepted the nomination.

Mike made a motion to elect Dan as Vice Chair, Debbi second the motion. All voted in favor to have Dan as our new Vice Chair.

### **AAB COMPLAINT ABOUT CVS:**

CVS received two notices from the AAB about proper clearance in one of the aisles.

They did not respond to either notice.

A hearing was then scheduled.

CVS acknowledged the complaint, the lawyers who were in attendance claimed they addressed the issue, someone will occasionally go in and check and see if there is any more clutter in the aisles in the future.

There was no fine given.

The AAB granted the new bakery, Mykonos, in town

A variance to narrow the size of the ramp behind the building for deliveries.

Mike and Paul sat in on the remote variance hearing.

There was a discussion about the variance request for a vertical lift to the press box at the Alumni Field on the High School property.

The field seems to be complete, but there will be further investigation on what happened to the variance.

Mike is asking us to give him a blanket authorization of support for a bill that is coming in the House.

Dan made a motion to give Mike the authorization to write a letter of endorsement on behalf of the Commission on Disability for the Act relative to the AAB bill coming up in the House, Jim second the motion.

A roll call vote was taken,

All voted in favor of this motion.

Jim brought up the issue of curb cuts both near the Post Office and the barbershop, then further down Elm St. between A&D Pizza and the Elm Draft House Theater. The Town Manager said the curb cuts near the Post Office are included in the Phase 2 project, and depending on the scope of the project, he will find out if the other curb cuts can be included in this project.

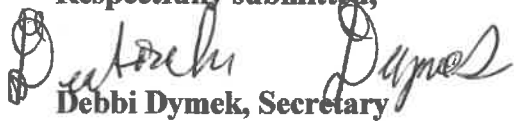
Mike brought up an issue from 2019, when a mobility instructor from MCB came to our meeting and asked if we could help a person in town who has trouble crossing from his apartment to Goretti's to go shopping. Nothing further was done, so Mike asked Dan if he could contact this gentleman and find out if he is still pursuing this issue.

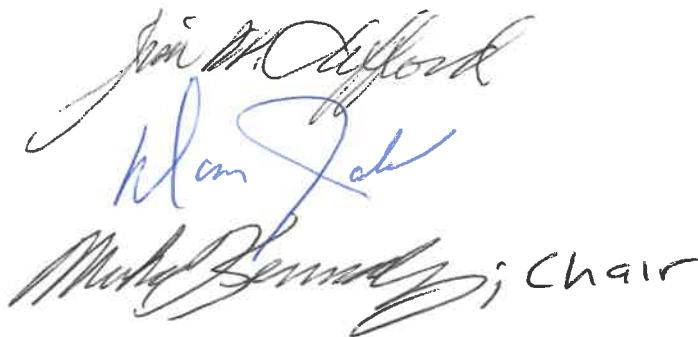
Debbi asked Mike if she should invite Paul to our next meeting. The answer was yes, and the Town Manager said if we do not get any response this time, notify him and he will track Paul down for us.

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

**Next meeting will be held on April 8, 2021**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
Debbi Dymek, Secretary

  
Jim McElford  
Chair