

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
FEBRUARY 1, 2016 MINUTES**

<u>In Attendance</u>	
Board members:	Barbara Tennison, Crystal Evans-Pradhan (remotely), Lynn Vaillancourt, Robyn Torpey
ADA Coordinator:	Kristen Zechello
Mayor's Liaison:	Chris Griffin
Town Council Representative:	Not in attendance
Meeting Opened:	6:00 PM Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 PM
Approved:	December 7, 2015 meeting notes: Did not meet quorum, will vote at March 7 th meeting
January Phone Calls Received: Gentleman needing assistance with apartment complex, referred to ADA Coordinator. Parishioner from South Congregational called needing assistance with personnel and/or church members in order to physically access the choir area of the church, referred to the ADA Coordinator.	
Budget: HP Parking Fines Revenue as of 1/21/16 \$41,647.55	

Town Buildings

Transition Plan: The ADA Coordinator, Kristen Zechello was officially hired and will be working with the Mayor and the building department to make the plan an official permanent document for the town to work with.

Town Hall/Old Thayer Library: Per Christine Stickney, still waiting on the funding for the architectural plans so that they can be updated. No update on the Old Thayer Library.

Daugherty Gym: The town's plan is working on the selling of the Daugherty gym in hopes of building a new gym behind the current location. The new gym would also be an official emergency shelter, as well as the town's youth center.

BEMA: No update

Braintree Athletic Complex: Barbara T. worked with Jenn S. and Kristen Z. to create a list of concerns and recommendations for the developer. Barbara and Kristen met with the developer's attorney Scott Lacy on January 28, 2016 to review the list. Mr. Lacy agreed to share the list with the developer, but requested that we edit the list to include more specific measurements on some of the recommendations we had made.

Town Parks & Recreation

Conservation Land access at Eaton Pond: The commission will wait until the spring to revisit the location

Voting

Polling Places: Report Available

Streets & Roads

SeeClickFix: Per Chris G., the town has paid the deposit and hopes the program will be up and running in April.

Snow Removal: The board discussed how the town needs to be more pro-active in clearing the snow on the sidewalks, curb cuts and ramps along the routes of schools, bus stops, MBTA bus stops and the town's shopping areas. The COD was in agreement that we live in a big town, but the areas we pointed out need to be cleared of the snow at all times.

Home Aid Project: Barbara will meet with Kristen at another time to review the possibility of creating a program for the elderly and disabled who own their own homes and may need help in clearing snow and brush around their homes throughout the year.

Miscellaneous

Disability Handicap Indicator Program: In speaking with Peter Gillis, the Community Officer for the town, Barbara was informed that that the Indicator Program was replaced with the Smart911 program.

Silent 911: Per Peter Gillis, the Silent 911 is an active program with the Braintree police

Advertising of HP funds: No update

Ride Share Accessible Transportation: The board discussed how Uber is looking into ways in which to create accessible transportation with wheelchair lifts. The MBTA is also looking into ways in which they may possibly be able to partner with ride share transportation companies in order to provide accessible transportation for individuals requiring a wheelchair lift.

ADA Coordinator position: Kristen Zechello was selected to fill the new position.

Marshall's Department Store Complaint: Kristen Z. will look into the matter.

New

7-11 Independence Ave. Project – Development of 36 condominium units w/3 being set aside as low/med affordable units

Laptops for the Autistic Foundation: Anyone with old laptops that would like to donate them to a good cause, please contact Chris Hall at 774-360-4486. Chris refurbishes the lap tops and then donates them to a child with autism.

Affordable Housing -

NEXT MEETING MARCH 7, 2016 – FLETCHER HALL