

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
MAY 2, 2016 MINUTES**

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| <b><u>In Attendance</u></b>  |   |
| <b>Board members:</b>  |   |
| Barbara Tennison, Crystal Evans-Pradhan, Robin Torpey, Lynn Vaillancourt,<br>Judy Coletta  |   |
| <b>ADA Coordinator:</b>  | Kristen Zechello                          |
| <b>Town Council Representative:</b>  | Not in attendance                         |
| <b>Meeting Opened:</b>   | 6:08 PM <b>Meeting Adjourned:</b> 7:33 PM |
| <b>Prior Months Minutes:</b>   | April 11, 2016 Motion to approve 4-1-1    |
| <b>April Phone Calls Received: (2)</b>   |   |
| 1. Mary Holland from Braintree Elder Services called regarding a resident who was looking for financial assistance to help with accessibility modifications to his home. |   |
| 2. Resident called regarding a family member requiring round the clock assistance due to an accident, e-mailed Kristen to respond to both.                               |   |
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| <b><u>Budget:</u></b> HP Parking Fines Revenue as of 3/31/2016: \$38,167.55.   |   |
| <b>ADA Coordinator Position:</b> HP Account debited \$8,580 for ADA Coordinator's salary for FY16 Jan – Jun    BCOD voted in favor: 5-0-1                                |   |

**Town Buildings**

Transition Plan: ADA Coordinator, Kristen stated that she received a request to check on the Highland School Playground regarding accessibility. Kristen will be working with the town's Building inspector(s) and Parks & Rec. to make sure all playgrounds' surfaces, routes in and around equipment are accessible.

Barbara & Kristen will be visiting playgrounds throughout the summer months including school playgrounds to inspect them as well.

Town Hall/Old Thayer Library: There are no changes in the plans. Plans were sent to all town department heads to review. Kristen forwarded the COD's recommendations to the planning board for review as well.

Daugherty Gym: No update

Braintree Athletic Complex: The complex is on the agenda for public discussion for the Planning Board Meeting scheduled for 5/10/2016.

**Town Parks & Recreation**

Conservation Land access at Eaton Pond: Barbara will contact Kevin Bears.

Parks & Recreation: Kristen spoke with Nelson Chin regarding installing accessible portable toilets where portable toilets are now installed. Nelson stated that they will be installed.

SeeClickFix App.: Target date is 6/1/2016

Snow Removal Update: Tabled until September 2016.

**Streets & Roads**

Engineering/ \$10M Capital Plan: Streets/roads, curb cuts and ramp repair and repaving will be starting in the spring. Kristen asked that the board be cognizant of the work being done throughout the town and if you see something that doesn't look right, let Kristen know.

**Miscellaneous**

Advertising of HP funds: Kristen will create an ad for B-Cam

Wheelchair Accessible Taxi/Uber/MBTA: No update

Social Media Campaign: Discussion will continue

Marshall's Department Store Complaint: Kristen will follow up

**Polling Locations/Elections:**

No update

**New**

Community Preservation Funds-Affordable Housing:

Kristen will research to find out how much money is set aside for affordable housing, what projects have been completed throughout the town utilizing these funds, what is the current balance?

Parks & Rec.: Kristen spoke with Nelson regarding notices being published regarding Parks & Rec trips and that the notices are missing the information regarding accessible transportation availability

Water Wheels @ Sunset Lake: COD will advertise availability with a column and ads on BCAM, Forum, Ledger, Facebook.

Fair Housing Workshop, Braintree Town Hall 4/28/2016: A collaboration of Fair Housing members met to discuss and bring the town up to date on what fair housing is up to

Thayer Library Trustees meeting, March 21, 2016: Per Kristen, the library is in the process of hiring a consultant to evaluate the library with respect to access regarding its contents, furniture, equipment, books, bathrooms, conference rooms, and etc.

**NEXT MEETING JUNE 6, 2016 – JOHNSON HALL**

(RT 5/8/2016)