

Disability Commission Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2023

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Members Present: Carla Longpre, Bruce Frieswick, Jill Patnode-Krause
Quorum was met.

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1. Treasurer's Report- \$1,000 in the account

Bruce will check the minutes from the Town Meeting where the disability commission took over the fines from handicapped parking violations. If he can't find the fines are sent he will ask for a copy of a the ticket from the police to see if that says where to send the fines.

2. MOD Updates-

- a. Spaulding Adaptive Sports Centers partnered with Mount Wachusett to offer adaptive snow sports on Thursdays.
 - b. Other mountains have different schedules. Could this be posted on the disability commission website?
 - c. Suggestion to post links to adaptive sports on the disability commission website. Sharon Susienka is able to post these for us.
3. Senior Center- Carla will fill out the form for MOD to visit the Senior Center to make sure they are fully up to code. This was triggered by a recent renovation.
4. Sutton Street sidewalks - all poles are at least 36 inches from the inside edge of the sidewalk. Jill will check to make sure mailboxes are not hanging over on those poles close to 36 inches. This could decrease the clearance of those boxes.
5. Linwood Playground-Bruce drafted a letter to MOD to look over photos and documents to formally review if the Linwood Playground is in full compliance.
- a. May be accessibility issues to the back fields
 - b. No marked lines in the parking lot so Jeff will need to figure out the estimated number of spots to utilize the formula to calculate the number of marked handicapped spots required.
 - c. Bruce will ask Jeff if the entire parking lot needs to be paved in case a disabled person comes in a wheelchair and all the handicapped spots are taken. (This means the handicapped spots will need to be paved?)
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6. Crosswalk at Grill 122 High Intensity Activated Crosswalk Signaling Device (HIACSD-but there is a different acronym ?)
- a. Need to find out if this is a town or state road at this location. If a state road Bruce needs town officials and state reps to help request this from the District 3 Office in Worcester.
 - b. They have ones with a blinking red light so drivers can proceed when the crosswalk is empty.
 - c. The town would need to request this light at the Middle School
7. Bruce is working on the mission statement and would appreciate any ideas. We will review at the next meeting.
8. Lake Terrace Apartments-Jill met a woman there who has trouble getting to the parking lot because the curb cut out is far away from her apartment. She walks with a 4 wheeled

walker and cannot lift it off the curb to get to the parking lot. Someone has to help her because there is no curb cut out on the way to the parking lot. Bruce will come assess it with Jill. He will get property cards and take pictures to send to MOD.

9. Bruce wants to draft a letter to local businesses to request plow drivers not plow snow into handicapped spaces.
10. Next meeting January 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM.
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.