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MEETING MINUTES COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Cutler, Maureen St. Hilaire, Susan James, Barbara Jones, Janice Dallas

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Bean, Lynn Baker, Heidi Hample, Kerrie Fallon

OTHERS PRESENT: Jack Jones ADA Coordinator, Paolo Marinelli, Doc Robinson

Jack Jones talked about the Selectmen's meeting regarding bus shelters. They may or may not discuss bus shelters at their next meeting.

Jack also mentioned ARRA Funds that the MBTA is going to put into the 77 bus route. The COD is to provide input by next spring.

There was discussion of Town Day, the Commission Brochure and the Annual Commission Newsletter.

Barbara C. discussed taking someone into the polling booths on voting day.

There was discussion about areas in town where bricks are hazardous. Doc mentioned in front of the funeral home across from the fire station in Arlington Center a 6" drop off. He also mentioned in front of the church on Mass. Ave. at the corner of Pleasant Street, a concrete area that is raised by tree roots as well as concrete areas near the American Legion Hall. He then said in front of Cambridge Savings Bank in Arlington Center there was a problem with the bricks.

Jack said that a policy regarding bricks needs to be written. Barbara C. said before any policy is written regarding bricks, the Commission needs to give their input. She also brought up our warrant article that the Selectmen said they did not need and would support a no brick policy. Barbara J. suggested we contact Chris Loreti from the Redevelopment Board asking him to come to a meeting.

Jack said that John Bean would be requesting that the curb cut project be included in the Town's Capital Plan which is due next month.

Jack Jones said Curb cut work would begin on Lake Street the following week if not this week. Sixty-five curb cuts will be done on Lake Street. Broadway will be finished and curb cuts will be done on Waldo Road and Raleigh Street.

Jack is going to follow up with John Bean on the accessible swings at the playgrounds. Barbara J. asked Jack to also discuss the bricks outside the building that were going to be replaced.

The Planning Department is going to request money for Broadway Plaza and the Commission needs to follow up with this project.

Paolo said the gas company is going to be doing work in Arlington Heights and there is a memo regarding removing the brick crosswalks. He also mentioned Vassar Street in Cambridge. He will follow up in regard to giving us some information about the project that we could present to the redevelopment board, Selectmen and Planning Department.

Barbara C. and Maureen discussed the lack of Universal Design in Arlington. Maureen was to call some Directors of group homes to discuss accessibility.

Barbara J. discussed donations for a gift for Lin Baker whose term is up in October and will not be returning to the Commission.

Doc Robinson said the electronic eye on the elevator in the Town Hall annex is not working.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.