

**MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2016**

Members in Attendance: Beverley Bevilacqua, Cynthia DeAngelis, Kerrie Fallon,
Susan James, Michael Rademacher, Maureen St. Hilaire,
Susan Tennant, Lisa Molina

Members Absent: Patrick Quinn

Others Present: Juliet Borja, LEED AP Associate Elton + Hampton Architects
Darcy Devney, Disability Advocate and Presenter Warrant Article # 59
Jack Jones, Director of Housing & Disability Programs

Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2016:

A motion to accept the April 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes was made by Susan James seconded by Michael Rademacher. SO VOTED

Variance Application submitted by Elton+Hampton Architects for a New Life & Skills Center at the Arlington Housing Authority:

Juliet Borja said that Elton+Hampton was hired by the Arlington Housing Authority to design a New Life & Skills Center at 2 Fremont Ct. Juliet said that because the site is limited in space, a one-story building will not be sufficient to house all of the programmatic functions of the building, therefore E+HA has proposed a one-story plus mezzanine. Juliet said that the mezzanine would be reached by a platform lift rather than an elevator as the elevator would require more space than the lift. Juliet said that because the platform lift will require a variance from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board E+HA is requesting the consideration of the Commission on Disability to support the variance request. After listening to Juliet's presentation Cynthia DeAngelis made a motion seconded by Susan Tenant that the Commission send a letter in support of the variance request. The motion was unanimously voted in support by the Commission.

Warrant Article # 59 Resolution / Handicapped Parking:

Darcy Devney said that Warrant Article #59 was affirmatively voted by Town Meeting. Cynthia DeAngelis said that an article should be place in the Advocate to inform business owners and residents that four walk shops would be conducted by the Commission to inform business owners and residents about locations being considered for additional handicapped parking spaces. Michael Rademacher said that a packet of information should be developed that can be left at business where owners are not available on the dates of the walk shops. Kerrie Fallon said that during the walk shops it should be stated that the Commission is following up on the vote of Town Meeting in informing business owners and residents. Darcy and Cynthia suggested the following dates and locations for the walk shops. The first walk shop would be on Saturday June 4th in Arlington Heights from Trader Joes to Appleton St. Darcy, Cynthia, Susan Tenant and Beverly said that they would be available. The second walk shop would be on Saturday June 11 in Arlington Center from Broadway Plaza to Mill Street. Darcy, Cynthia, Susan T., Maureen maybe Liza Molina, and maybe Michael would be available. The third walk shop would be on Saturday

June 18th in East Arlington Darcy, Susan T., Cynthia, and Susan J. and maybe Maureen would be available. The fourth and final walk shop would be on June 25th from Appleton St. to Whole Foods, and anything that had been missed in the first three walk shops. Darcy said that a packet of information would be left at every business that will include a one-sheet Q&A, a Commission brochure and a map of the specific neighborhood.

Commission on Disability FY 2016 Budget:

Jack said that the Commission's budget for FY 2016 is \$3,000.00 and that to-date \$1,900.00 has been expended leaving a balance of \$1,100.00. Susan James suggested making a donation to the I Can Shine Program. Kerrie Fallon suggested purchasing a new audio recorder. Cynthia DeAngelis suggested purchasing T shirts or Jersey's. Liza Molina suggested purchasing generic business cards for the Commission Members.

Recap of Andover Regional Commission on Disability Meeting (April 27, 2016):

Maureen St. Hilaire said that in addition to herself, Susan James and Jack Jones attended the regional commission meeting in Andover. Jack Jones said that D'Arcangelo, Director of the Massachusetts Office on Disability, said that the purpose of the regional meetings are to bring together people serving on local COD's within a region to network and discuss initiatives, successes and roadblocks that involve COD's. Jack said that D'Arcangelo stated that the Massachusetts Office on Disability was created in 1981 under M.G.L. Chapter 6 Section 185. With the primary mission of MOD being to ensure full and equal participation of all people with disabilities in all aspects of life by working to advance legal rights, maximum opportunities, supportive services, accommodations and accessibility in a manner that fosters dignity and self-determination. The next regional meeting in the Boston area is scheduled for Wednesday October 5, 2016. D'Arcangelo said that this year's Disability Summit will be held at the Boston Convention Center & Exhibition Center on September 16, 2016. To register one should go to MOD.events@state.ma.us.

Public Works Rights of Way Update:

Michael Rademacher updated the Commission on the Arlington Center Safe Travel Project. Michael said that the project goal for the work being completed at the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Pleasant St. is to provide a safe connection for the Minuteman Bikeway through Arlington Center in addition to upgrading the signals and curb cut ramps at this intersection.

Michael said that there will be a meeting to discuss the Mass Ave. Phase II project on June 10, 2016. This project will cover the area between Mill St. and Pond Lane. This project will be mostly streetscape and sidewalk improvements in addition to some possible changes to Broadway Plaza.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.