

**MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2016**

Members in Attendance: Beverley Bevilacqua, Kerrie Fallon, Susan James, Michael Rademacher, Susan Tenant, Liza Molina

Members Absent: Patrick Quinn, Maureen St. Hilaire, Cynthia DeAngelis

Others Present: Leslie Mayer, Park and Recreation Commission
Darcy Devney, Disability Advocate
Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator

Discussion with Leslie Mayer:

Leslie Mayer said that Community Preservation Act Funds will be requested this year to fund a Master Plan for the Reservoir. Leslie also said that the Town this year has funding and estimates to go forward with an accessible path way around Luciano Field and Florence Field in addition funds are available to make improvements to the Locke and Cutter Parks. Michael Rademacher said that a Transition Plan is needed to identify the cost and how recreation would transition into compliance. Michael said that Public Works is in the process of completing such a plan. Kerrie Fallon asked if every playfield will have an accessible swing. Leslie said that when each playfield is completed accessible playground equipment will be included. Kerrie also inquired about playground surfaces such as woodchips that are difficult for a mobility impaired person to walk on. Leslie said that price is a consideration when deciding on ground surfaces.

Handicapped Parking:

Darcy said that the Town should consider developing a process if possible regarding handicapped parking where handicapped drivers park all day. Kerrie Fallon said that she talked with the management company at Brigham Square about allowing one or two handicapped parking spaces. The management company said that they already given fifteen spaces to the Town and therefore the Disability Commission should talk to the Town. Darcy said that the parking spaces at 22 Mill St. are part of each individually owned condo. Darcy said she talked with High Rock Church about giving up a couple of spaces but that they were unwilling to donate any spaces.

Display at Robbins Library:

Susan James said that most of the Commission's display has been for the most part taken down. Susan, Jack, Beverley, and Liza help set up the display.

Other Business:

Susan James said that Christopher Ellinger, Director of the True Story Theatre has requested donations from community groups to supplement his 20,000 grant. Kerrie Fallon suggested that the Commission consider donating \$250.00. Susan said that the True Story Theatre is working on scheduling shows for next year. Susan asked if the Commission would want to consider a date for a show on disabilities. Susan said that the shows are usually on Saturday night and that at least one member of the Commission should attend the show. Commission members suggested November, April or May as possible months to schedule a show. Michael Rademacher suggested a show based on accessibility of the Town's play fields in the spring of 2017. Michael was prepared to talk about a task spread sheet that he had developed however because of a lack of time a discussion was tabled until the August Meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.