

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 15, 2019**

Members Present: Cynthia DeAngelis, Michael Rademacher, Karen Mathiasen, Darcy Devney, Kerrie Fallon, Paul Raia, Maureen St. Hilaire, Paul Czech, Liza Molina

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jack Jones, Director of Housing & Disability Programs  
Ellen Leigh, Disability Advocate

**Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2019:**

Michael Rademacher made a motion to approve the March 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes seconded by Darcy Devney.

**Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2019:**

Cynthia requested a correction in the minutes that would state that in working meetings members would not be able to vote. Cynthia did suggest having a second meeting each month for sub committees. With that correction a motion to approve the April 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes was made by Michael Rademacher, seconded by Paul Raia.

**Up-date on letter regarding Disability Commission's recommendations to Arlington High School Building Committee.**

Paul Raia discussed his and Paul Czech's letter concerning issues regarding the new High School design. Cynthia said that she was going to send the letter expressing their concern to the Town Manager and members of the High School rebuild committee, but because they were not meeting until after the June 11, 2019 vote she decided to hold off sending out the letter until after the vote on the debt exclusion. Jack Jones said that in his opinion the letter was very well written and contained some very important information regarding access that were overlooked by the architects that designed the High School. Cynthia said that the Commission on Disability should have a voice as members of the High School building committee into the final design of the High school. Michael Rademacher said that he would request the Town Manager's consideration to place at least one voting member from the Commission preferably two or three members on the High School Building Committee. Cynthia said that the Commission attempts to be inclusive but that our benchmark is to follow ADA requirements.

Paul Raia and Paul Czech said that they would be interested in serving on the High School Building Committee. Liza Molina said that she also would be interested if her schedule would allow her to be involved. Cynthia suggested Ellen Leigh as a possible member to the High School Building Committee if Liza were not available.

**Career Fair:**

Jack said that the Select Board provided thirty parking permits for employers attending the Career Fair. Jack said that the Fair will start at 11:00 A.M. and end at 1:00 P.M. Cynthia said that IDEA requires every Town to have a transition specialist to get students to job fairs. Cynthia suggested inviting Greg Ames, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Job Specialist, to a future meeting next spring a few months prior to next year's Job Fair.

**Self-Evaluation:**

Michael Rademacher said that the Institute Human Center Design has surveyed all Town Buildings and will soon have completed a report on each building. All these building reports will be made available to the public for review. The Planning Department and the Commission on Disability should co-sponsor a public meeting to discuss the results of the self-evaluation. Michael said that at least a two week notice must be given prior to a public meeting. Paul Raia expressed his concern regarding the Town Hall Auditorium Balcony being dangerous for individuals with a visual impairment. Each Town Building will be reviewed separately and will be compiled into a master plan. Darcy said that any location for a public meeting to discuss the Master Plan must be completely accessible.

**Other Business:**

Paul Czech said that the Omni directional microphone used at the Commission Meeting did not work as well as he had hoped. Paul suggested that at the next meeting there be more than one microphone in addition to purchasing a microphone stand. Paul said that the microphone would be passed around. Liza mentioned her concern regarding a shower chair at the Boy's and Girl's Club that was unsafe for an individual with a disability. Karen Mathiasen suggested more interaction amongst Commission members. Paul Czech said that Karen would probably benefit from passing the microphone back and forth in that this process would slow down the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.