

Watertown Commission on Disability

149 Main St. Watertown, MA. 02472

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 15th, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Fred Isaacs.

ROLL CALL- Fred Isaacs, Vice-Chair; John Hawes; Jeanne O'Connell; Steven Corbett, Town Councilor; Megan O'Halloran; Gayle Shattuck, Town Personnel Director and ADA Coordinator; and Carol Wilson-Braun. Absent: Kim Charlson, Carol Menton and Christine Russo- Intern.

CHAIR'S REPORT- Fred brought up the request for funding by Partners for Youth with Disabilities. It was MOVED, seconded and voted unanimously to fund the above organization for the amount of \$1000 per Watertown student, up to \$5000.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES- It was MOVED, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as corrected from the March meeting. Copies of the minutes may be requested from the Town Clerk's Office.

TREASURER'S REPORT- It was MOVED, seconded and voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report for March. Copies of the Treasurer's report may be requested from the town's ADA Coordinator in the Personnel Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

- a) Plans Review- John said that the Greystar project had been reviewed. He thought that the accessible apartments were the worst ones in the building, in terms of the views and the floor plans, and brought it up. He said it was important for designs to be reviewed from the viewpoint of the WCOD before they proceed to the architect from the Planning Board. 5% of the apartments are required to be accessible, but "accessible" from a design point of view means "open to the public".
- b) Closed Caption- Gayle invited Helen from cable to come to the May meeting. The Cable Access people are working on the town council chamber. Carol M. and Helen are emailing each other about the remote Cart, which is part of the upgrade. The town auditor is working on the project. There will be no closed captioning until the project is done.
- c) Special Ed- Fred said that Dick Hoyt was there and made a highly visible presentation. He did not see Cart there. The May meeting will be the 2nd Thursday and Dr Ellen Braaten from MGH will speak on "Developing a Resilient Child".

ONGOING BUSINESS-

- a) Watertown Riverfront Project- Steve said they should be starting up again. John hoped that the current governor won't cut funding for the DCR. Steve said that the Daly Field Project on the other side is well funded and will help our side of the river. John spoke again of concern for the slope of the main sidewalk going toward the river, and said that Dan Driscoll from Perkins said it may need to be redone.
- b) Nothing new for Handicapped Parking Locations.
- c) Watertown Comprehensive Plan Update- Steve said the meeting was rescheduled for May 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Middle School

NEW BUSINESS-

Steve said that there would be a Public Works subcommittee meeting on Wed Apr 29th at Town Hall to again address the snow shoveling issue and a proposed ordinance for residents. He asked for support from the commissioners.

The next meeting will take place on May 20 at 7 p.m.
It was MOVED, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

These minutes are recorded and respectfully submitted by Carol Wilson-Braun, Secretary.