

**Foxborough Commission on Disability
Livable Community Workshop
Minutes of August 21, 2013**

Members Present:

Sue Collins, Richard Biggieri, Sheri Barrett, Andrea Parsons, Tony Williams, Charlie Hobbs, Margaret Chaisson and Bill Casbarra

Guests: Beth Isler, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Sharon Wason, Town Planner and Justin Saret, Intern

Livable Community Workshop was presented by Beth Isler. (See attached)

The main objectives of the Workshop was to make sure accessible parking is appropriately sized and in appropriate locations around the center of Foxborough. We agreed that many of the accessible parking spots are poorly located. Also accessible routes between designated parking and building entrances need to be improved. There was discussion about reverse-angle parking around the Common. Everyone agreed it seemed safer than what we have presently.

There was discussion of inadequate transportation services for citizens who are disabled. GATRA provides very poor service to our community.

Beth Isler said that she would be sending us a summary of today's findings. Ms. Isler handed out **the ADA Checklist for Readily Achievable Barrier Removal.**

Members of the Commission agreed to use the checklist to take notes about a certain area that could be improved. Andrea will go to the rear of the Boch Building. Sharon will look at the Commons. Charlie will check the area around the old Post Office and Mechanic Street. Sheri will look at the parking of Town Hall. Sue will look at the South Street stores (Comey's Cleaners, South Street Pizzeria & Foxboro Wine & Spirits). There was discussion of accessibility to the new library. The state already issued a variance. Tony will go to the library to check out the garage and the interior. At our September meeting we will compile this information.

Sharon suggested that the Commission on Disability might be notified of pending site plans before the Planning Board. Because of the short time frame for the Planning Board to act on site plans, the scheduling may not work for the Commission on Disability as a whole to review plans but individual members could provide valuable input for the Planning Board. Sharon will discuss revising their regulations to notify the Commission on Disability when there's a site plan submitted (ideally having the information digitally, so it can be reviewed electronically).

Minutes – Sue Collins

A motion was made by Andrea to accept the July Minutes, second by Sheri. Motion passed.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Sheri, second by Andrea; motion passed.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2013, Wednesday at 3 PM at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Collins

