

Foxborough Commission on Disability
Minutes of February 21, 2018

Members Present:

Sue Collins, Andrea Carroll, Charlie Hobbs, Jim Mullin, and Sheri Barret.

Guests: Paige Duncan, Bill Casbarra, Jane Pierce and David Kopatka.

Paige Duncan, Town Planner:

Sue stated that the Commission would like all **Accessible Parking signs to be uniform**. To be enforceable, signs need to have the icon of person in wheelchair and \$200 fine printed on them. Paige said that when new businesses need signage she will give them that information and perhaps the picture that Jim provided. Bill said he would also write up a By-Law that would need to go before the Town's Annual Meeting which would help the police enforce their fines.

Another issue is the **Accessible parking spaces in the lot in back of Central Street businesses**. They are not optimally placed and there is a dangerous slope. Paige said that the town and businesses want to improve the whole parking lot this spring. She has faith Roger Hill can solve most of the issues. She was glad to know we want to be involved.

The last issue we addressed was **paratransit issues** in the town. The Pilot Program to add a railroad stop at Gillette Stadium/Patriot Place will open next year. There is discussion with several entities including Snyder Electric to have bus transportation from the rail station through Foxboro. She suggested we write a letter to Selectmen and be ready to appear before them to let them know about our concerns and how there is a lack of Accessibility with GATRA. Suburban Mobility will be the topic on March 8 at Gillette Stadium. She also suggested that other suburban towns have pooled their resources. In Massachusetts, Council on Aging centers have hired a dispatch company and share van/buses with each other. Paige suggested we investigate "Cross Town Connect".

Conservation Commission and Open Space & Recreation Plan

Jane Pierce and David Kopatka stated that the Open Space & Recreation Plan will expire in July. The state has now mandated that this 7 year plan has to have input from the ADA Coordinator or our Commission on Disability. They are focusing on the Payson Road Recreation area, Town Pool at Camp St. Augustine, Lane Property, Ella Hill Playground and Sallie Conservation Property on Main Street. Trails don't have to be accessible but there needs to be Accessible Parking and for example, accessibility to picnic tables on Lane Property where programs are run. First public meeting is February 28, 10 am at Town Hall. Sheri Said she would attend. There will be a Public Forum where the Conservation Commission will make a presentation on March 27 at 7. They would also appreciate if we would look on their website and take the survey to give them input on accessibility issues.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim updated the FCOD on the status of the Committee's finances.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Andrea to accept the November Minutes, seconded by Sheri. Motion passed.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Charlie, seconded by Jim; motion passed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2018@ 3 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Collins