

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS

Disability Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, April 10, 2017

Start Time: 6:45 pm

End Time: 7:45 pm

Meeting Location: Northbridge Town Hall (Lower Conference Room)



<u>MEETING INFORMATION</u>		<u>INVITEES/ATTENDEES</u> Attendees are identified by an * (p) = by phone
Meeting Purpose/Objective: Monthly Disability Commission Meeting		Chairperson Jonathan Smith Secretary Members: Frieswick, Bruce* Frieswick, Jon* Guests: Smith, Jonathan*
Pre-meeting preparation required: None		
Attachments/Handouts: Agenda		

RECEIVED
17 MAY - 10 AM 8 26

AGENDA/MINUTES

Item #	Statement/Owner	Call to Order	Description	Action #
1.	Jonathan Smith	Call to Order	Commission meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.	
2.	Jonathan Smith	Roll Call	Roll call of meeting attendees was completed. All members accounted for.	
3.	Group	Approve Minutes	Minutes for March 13, 2017 will be presented at 5/8/17 meeting for approval.	

Amended/Approved
5/8/2017

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS Disability Commission Meeting Minutes

28 to 27, 29 to 28. (Signature)

4. Group

New Business.

Bruce reviewed Articles 28 and 29 to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday May 2, 2017. These articles are to have the Town vote on the official designation of the Northbridge Disability Commission and to approve the Disability Commission to receive monies collected by the Northbridge Police Department from the fines assessed by the Town for handicapped parking violations.

The Disability Commission accepted, with regret, the resignation of board member William Mello. He has moved to another community. We appreciated and valued the time and contributions William made while serving on the Disability Commission.

Member Updates.

Bruce reviewed the status of the Massachusetts' Office on Disability requests to local disability commissions in MA for grants to support local projects. Currently, the NB Disability Commission is developing a grant proposal to support a project at the NB Senior Center to the meet access requirements of the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Updates of the grants status will be shared at the next meeting, 8/8/2017.

Bruce and Jon: reported that the crosswalk at the intersection at Cross St. and Church St. is not in compliance with ADA. A curb cut is required to facilitate the use of wheelchairs/walkers, etc. when crossing at this intersection. A letter will be sent to the NB Department of Public Works.

Bruce and Jon: a follow-up investigation regarding accessibility concerns reported to the Disability Commission (Mr. Riker, March 13, 2017) at the Koopman Lumber Store in Whitinsville, has resulted in recommendations that a handicapped parking space be designated and that sidewalk areas currently used to store inventory be cleared to provide full access to and passage by individuals with disabilities.

Bruce and Jon: investigating handicapped parking concerns at the UniBank located in the Shaws' Plaza.

(See Riker, 3/13/2017)

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS
Disability Commission Meeting Minutes

6.	Group	Updates:	
6.	Group	Schedule Next Meeting/Topic for Meeting May 8, 2017	
7.	Jonathan Smith	Adjourn Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.	