

Stoneham Disability Committee minutes September 29, 2015

Meeting brought to order at 5:55 PM

Attendance: David Ragucci, Howard Porter, Kathleen Balestrier, Susan Coughlin

Guests: Diane Sutton, Anna Porter

Introductions:

Dave notified members about open meeting laws and concerns regarding the nature of discussions and HIPPA laws and the use of executive session.

Dave notified the Committee he was meeting with Bill Solomon which would require him to leave the meeting early.

Transportation:

Sue mentioned the upcoming Town transportation meeting set for Wednesday September 30 at 7 PM in the banquet hall in the basement of town hall. Sue asked for volunteers to attend. Sue mentioned specific transportation/access/travel issues and concerns such as decaying and dangerous curb cuts. One person reportedly lost the rubber off their tire because of the problem at the corner of Elm and Dunklee. Howie and Anna mentioned several missing bricks at the senior center.

Dave suggested we focus on the MBTA's 132 bus accessibility because the T's representatives will be at the meeting. Sue will research the route. Kathleen and Sue will attend the meeting.

Dave asked the Committee to "inspect" sidewalks for compliance and to prioritize for critical needs. Will look at high traffic areas such as Main, Central, Williams, Elm, and Church streets.

The Committee discussed fixing the problems and Dave stated there is limited funding. Sue asked about grants. Diane will do some research on Access grants.

Church Street update:

Sue informed the Committee that the signage was incorrect. Dave will check with public works.

Dave left the meeting at approximately 6:30 PM

Central School:

Sue spoke about the significance of catching access issues before a project is completed or accepted by the Town. Sue stated she had concerns because of what had already been discovered and relayed this information to the Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools. Sue explained attempts were made to do a walk through but were delayed by the Superintendent. Howie stated that the school project had been accepted by the Town.

HP on-street parking policy:

Sue gave an update. Kathleen asked if there was another town that had such a policy and suggested research.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM

Next Meeting Oct 27 5:45 PM

Agenda:

Follow up Transportation meeting

Access Issues/sidewalk "inspections"

Grant research

Discuss "Officer" positions and administrative policy

Budget

Increase HP parking Fines to \$200

CAM training