

Swampscott Commission on Disability
9/15/2016 at 7 PM
1st floor conference room
Town Hall

Attendance:

Trish Malphrus
Laura Spathanas
Jim Badger
Sam Pastor
Rupinder Sembhi

Bill Travasio

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

We briefly spoke about the 911 Registration forms:

Senior Center will let us set up a table during lunch time for the seniors. We will reach out to the superintendent about the forms going out to Elementary school students and special needs classes. Laura had a concern that these forms need to go out to all of the school system.

Survey Monkey was tabled for the evening, as we need Linda to do our next steps

Concerns that us, as a commission, going back and forth on the same items with no results is making the community not take us seriously. We will now make decisions, vote on them and go forward. We spoke about having a paper trail on our conversations.

Conversations surrounding Humphrey St, crosswalks on Maple street and incorrect barriers and road blocks by the police station. The commission decided that we need to be reaching out, not only to Access Board but the ADA and MassDOT. Jim explained that while the access board is Mass deciding authority, that they do the least. There are three sets of rules and the town needs to look at all 3, and use "best practices". Jim will also present his letter to the selectman at the October 5th, selectman's meeting.

Three letters will be written and we will meet on Sept 29 to discuss further.

The first letter will be written by Jim and Rupinder. This letter will address the issues surrounding the crosswalks and the detectable warning pads on Maple street. Jim will talk about his personal experiences.

This was voted on and agreed

The second letter will be written by Trish. This letter was voted on to be sent out on Monday 9\19 after everyone looks at it over the weekend. This letter will address the water pipes blocking the police station. The bullet points of this letter are:

Pipes going across the sidewalks and the entrance to the police station

the gravel covering it, which a chair can not get over

no barriers or accessible detours

This was voted on and agreed

The third letter is to the Selectman. This letter will address the issues in the town, including construction on Humphrey St. This letter will be written based on a resurrected letter that was never sent. This letter was sent to all members to go over and discuss at our next meeting. We will decide after Jim's letter who to send it to and if it should be presented to the selectman

This was voted on and agreed

Meeting adorned at 8:35 PM