

**Town of Dedham Commission on Disability Meeting**  
July 15, 2019 Town Hall First Floor Conference Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Tricia Whitehouse, Diane Loud, John Tocci, Bob Winston, Mac Sterling, Vicky Berg (via phone), Bernie Chirokas, Ellen Conway

**Absent:** Ken Cimeno

John Tocci chaired the meeting.

June 2019 minutes were reviewed and changes are necessary. Diane to resubmit after editing.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deferred until August meeting, due to Ken's absence.

**Handicapped Parking issues at Dedham Middle School**

Work has commenced on the temporary HP spaces in front of the school:

- White striping for new parking spaces and crosswalk have been put down
- There is already a curb cut so that won't need to be done
- Need to paint HP logo and place signs
- Plan remains to have 4 HP spaces in back and 2 in front

**Active Transportation work group**

- New group approved by Select Board, will be managed by Sharna Borsellino
- Mac will be the COD representative, with Bernie as backup

**Accessibility Best Practices:**

John emailed Sarah McDonald regarding the Accessibility Best Practices. The state is not accepting Best Practices applications currently, but we would like to be prepared for when the program opens again.

- John will prepare the application and we will review at the August meeting.

**Municipal ADA grant:**

John has had some contact with the Mass Office on Disability. The budget has not yet been approved, so there is no official date set for the application to open. The following is expected to be announced soon:

- The grant no longer requires a town match.
- The application period should open on August 1 and close on October 1.

John will take the lead on updating the previous application for the Riverdale playground upgrade. Will speak with Sam Rippin to generate a new estimate.

**CART payment and continuity:**

Nancy Baker thinks that payment should come from the IT budget. She has asked for an estimate of how many times per year we will need the service.

**New business:**

- **Stop & Shop bathroom issue:** Mac has noticed an issue in the Dedham Stop & Shop with the handles on the stall doors and accessibility/ability to latch doors. Will draft a letter to review at next meeting.
- **Hertz HP violation:** Hertz General Counsel wrote back to Ellen. While he addressed the issue of HP violations, he did not address the fire lane violations or passing along the cost of the ticket to the customer. Ellen will write a second letter and we will review at next meeting.
- **Sidewalk accessibility issues:** HP violations. Mac is supposed to get updated list of tickets. Will follow up.

**Future Meetings:**

September 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Loud