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****Department of Planning & Development, Back Room****

114 Main Street

Minutes of Tuesday, November 21, 2017

***** 1:00 p.m. *****

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Lynne Kelley at 1:00 p.m. with the following members:

MEMBER PRESENT: Lynne Kelley, Chair Virginia DeSorgher
Cynthia Dodge Maureen Pollock

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Moved by Dodge, seconded by Kelley, and voted 4:0 to approve the Minutes from October 17, 2017 as amended.

Open Issues:

Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Program - Planning Grant – Pollock submitted the Planning Grant. The Town will be notified in January 2018 whether or not they are awarded the grant. The Grant money will fund hiring a consultant to work with the Town to update the existing Self-Evaluation Plan & Transition Plan which was first instated in 2004.

Personal Emergency Preparedness Program – Pollock contacted DaLonn Pearson of Mass Office of Disability (MOD) to schedule a meeting. Pearson advised to contact him two months before the desired date. The Commission would like to hold this meeting at the Zion Community Center.

MOD hosts the Personal Emergency Preparedness Program meetings for communities to prepare persons with disabilities for an emergency. They bring together people with disabilities, local emergency planners, and first responders. Members of the disability community learn about the personal steps they can take to prepare for different emergency situations. MOD give participates planning guides to help in this process. First responders and emergency planners learn about making more accessible community preparedness plans. MOD will also hand out guides for first responders on how to interact with people with disabilities in an emergency.



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Treasurer's Report for Commission's account funds and handicapped parking fund – Kelley updated the Commission. Stated the Commission had \$300.00 in their Commission account but the balance is now \$297.00 due to Town-wide 1% cut. The Commission would like to ask the Town for more money (~\$300 more) to go towards attending trainings and associated travel expenses.

The year to date budget report for the handicap parking fund is \$674.22. This handicap parking fund is to only fund handicap issues in Greenfield. The money is allocated to a private entity and cannot be used by the Town of Greenfield.

Garden Cinema access update – Kelley stated she will get an update soon from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (AAB) regarding the elevator that is required to be installed. Dodge stated the existing chair lift was supposed to be fixed before the elevator was put in. Stated that according to AAB, the lift was fixed and then broke. Stated that it was determined that the lift equipment is too old so it won't be fixed again.

FY 2017 HP Grant-TRIAD - TRIAD was awarded \$1,000.00 from the Commission through the FY 2017 Handicapped Parking Grant Account. The Commission found out that TRIAD received the money.

The TRIAD Program of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office is a crime-prevention and wellness initiative aimed at protecting the safety and welfare of senior citizens throughout the county. TRIAD staff repair wheelchairs, provide training, among other things.

53 Pleasant Street (Assessor's Map 69, Lot 2) – Dodge submitted an email correspondence from Jeff Dougan of MOD concerning ADA compliance for multiple family dwelling units.

The following text is Dougan's response, "A new apartment building with 6 to 8 units fall under the obligations of the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and Fair Housing. The ADA, unless very specific federal funding is going to the project, does not apply.

The MAAB, being the most stringent in this scenario, would require, when there are 3 or more units provided:

Section 9.3 would require all units be Group 1 (adaptable) if there is an elevator provided. If no elevator provided, then only the units on the ground floor would need to be Group 1 (adaptable).

Section 9.4 would require Group 2 (fully accessible) if there are 20 or more units provided. If that were the case, 5% would need to be Group 2 (fully accessible).

So in summary, for this particular project of 6-8 new dwelling units, they would only be required to provide Group 1 (adaptable) units."



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Pollock stated that she will discuss the Pleasant Street development with Eric Twarog, Planning Director and Mark Snow, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer.

New Business:

Stavros Center For Independent Living – Kelley informed members that Stavros will be sponsoring the ‘FRTA Transportation Speak Out’ event at their Springfield location on November 28th from 1-2:30 pm. Dodge suggested having a FRTA representative to come to the next Commission meeting to inform them what came out of the event.

Correspondence

MA AAB – Kelley stated that she has not received any correspondence from the MA AAB since the October 17th meeting.

Next Meeting:

1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at the Town Hall, Second Floor Meeting Room; 14 Court Square.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Dodge, seconded by Virginia, and voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock
Assistant Planner/ADA Coordinator

* Please note that the list of topics in this notice was comprehensive at the time of posting, however the public body may consider and take action on unforeseen matters not specifically named in this notice.

Executive session may be called.