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GREENFIELD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS
John Zon Community Center, Room 112
35 Pleasant Street

Minutes of Thursday, May 10, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order by acting Chair, Cynthia Dodge at 1:02 p.m.
with the following members:

Members Present:

Cynthia Dodge, acting Chair
Virginia DeSorgher

Others Present:

Margo Campbell
MJ Adams
Nic Reitzel
Doug Mayo

Meeting is being recorded.

Approval of Minutes: tabled

Treasurer's Report for Commission's account funds and handicapped parking fund –Campbell stated the CDA account contains \$297.00, and the handicap parking fund has \$1284.22.



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Sidewalks

There are citizen concerns about bricks on sidewalks that cause pain and damage to chairs and pose a hazard, leading to injury on several occasions, especially 75 Wells Street and Main Street. Nic Reitzel spoke on the Town's compliance issues, challenges in financing, and future plans for grants. The sidewalk at 75 Wells street has been assessed to be fixed, and it will cost \$8-9000, double that number if using an outside contractor, but the budget for this has been cut. We may need up to \$50,000 for all the sidewalks in vicinity of 75 Wells Street. Nic is hoping the Transition plan will help the Town to prioritize what needs to be done, and will set us up for new grants to help with improvements. He asked the CDA to help prioritize projects for grants. He is able to get estimates for any projects people bring to his attention.

City Councilor Doug Mayo spoke about his experiences with sidewalk issues, as he has tripped and fallen on Wells street. He has talked with Paul Mark to see if State might have funding. He also worked with Town Councilor Sheila Gilmore to assess where the highest need was in their districts.

Finances are the biggest barrier, so the best hope is to get grants. Many competitive grants are more likely to be awarded with matching funds from the Town. Ginny mentioned that the Council needs to be informed of these needs, and residents can send an email to Deb Tuttle and she will pass it along to all councilors.

It would be good to let people know how they can inform officials about these issues, either by emailing the Council through Deb Tuttle, collecting signatures, or contacting the DPW directly.



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Cynthia will write a letter to 75 Wells residents informing them they can contact DPW, or Nic directly, with concerns on sidewalks.

ADA Transition Plan Update:

First draft coming today, for feedback from MJ, Laurie, and Nic. Meeting on June 20th at 5pm to present to the whole community so they can have opportunity to weigh in on priorities.

Next Meeting:

1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 14, 2018, at the John Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie DiDonato
Liaison to Commission on Disability Access