**Town of Dedham Commission on Disability Meeting**

May 14, 2018 Town Hall First Floor Conference Room – 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** John Tocci, Vicky Berg, Tricia Whitehouse, Ellen Conway, Diane Loud, Robert Winston, Mac Sterling

John Tocci chaired the meeting.

April 2018 minutes unanimously approved with 1 typo edit.

**Massachusetts Office on Disability Updates/Grant Application Proposal – Riverdale Playground**: Kaylee has reached out to the General Counsel of the MOD. A conference call has been set up for early June. John will attend.

**Massachusetts Office on Disability Updates/Grant Application Proposal – CART System:** Jeff Bolduc will make the equipment purchases on behalf of the town.

**Jefferson at Dedham Resident**:

Tricia has identified 2 dangerous curb cuts on the property.

**Handicapped Parking violations:**.

Mac spoke with Bill Aiken and was sent a list of HP violations dating back to December 2015. There were 641 total tickets written during this period, and dispositions were given for each:

* 122 were subsequently voided
* 242 were paid
* 237 were unpaid

Mac also went to the police station and spoke with the Chief’s assistant. She explained the following process:

* Police officer writes out a ticket
* All tickets are then sent to Bill Aiken
* Bill enters all tickets into a log
* Bill takes the receipts and makes a deposit into the general fund account at the bank
* The treasurer is then supposed to go through and transfer money from one account to another---we suspect that this step has not been done

John read into record email from Ken:

Ken has spoken with Bill Aiken, Jane LePardo and Andrea Turkelsen regarding the HP violations and our account.

The COD estimates (generated from the list of tickets that Bill Aiken had sent to Mac) that there may be upwards of $20K that should be allocated to the COD that is sitting in the general fund.

There are municipal auditors whose job it is to go in and audit books and processes. John will speak to Andrea Terkelsen and Nancy Baker about the possibility of have a professional auditor look at this situation.

Suggestion: have Bill Aiken attend our next meeting to discuss this further

Mac sent a letter to the Chief of Police, thanking him and his staff for increased enforcement of HP parking. He will send a copy to COD members.

**Annual Reports:**

Unanimously approved several years of annual reports that John had created.

**Scholarships**:

Tricia, Bob and Vicky are going to DHS to collect scholarship applications and select awardees.

2 applications came in from Blue Hills, but only one had a connection to disability. Unanimously voted to award that student a scholarship/

**Livable Dedham:**

Livable Dedham hosted a walking audit of streets that Vicky and Bob attended. The guide identified 6 qualities which make a town walkable (sidewalk surface, painted crosswalks, regulation curbs, shaded areas, traffic lights, destinations to walk to) as well as detractors (trees or roots in the way, cars or trucks parked on the sidewalk, street crossings that are wider than necessary).

Participants were encouraged to analyze their own precincts and report findings to Livable Dedham. The goal is to make Dedham livable for all residents.

**New Business**:

* Dog park: Mac spoke with Chuck and there was some confusion about the report that we provided to Parks and Rec. John has not heard back from Bob Stanley or Dan Hart since we provided our ratings to them.
* Kaylee has submitted her resignation from the COD. Nancy Baker will advertise for another member.

**Future Meetings:**

June 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Loud