



Minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting of the ADA Compliance Committee

Location: West Bridgewater, Town Hall, small office

Time: 7 PM

Attendance: Gloria Hopkins, Denise Lewis, Diane Perry, Mary Petrie,
Marilyn Raleigh

Diane Perry chaired the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Old Business:

1. W. Bridgewater Middle/High School - the curb cut at the main entrance has not been modified and the second handicap accessible parking space at the media center has not been designated. Additionally, there is a need to provide information about access issues to school staff. Mrs. Perry has sent a letter to Dr. Oakley; superintendent, requesting a meeting with committee members. We await a meeting date.
2. Belmont/Plain St. intersection - nothing new.
3. Pediatric Associates - Paul Stringham Building inspector has been in contact with the center. No further information available tonight, as building inspector not in attendance.

New Business:

1. Senior Expo - we have contacted Senior Center staff about disseminating information on ADA activities to town residents. They suggested that we participate in the Senior Expo on Tuesday April 6, 2010 from 9 AM - 2 PM. We will have use of 1/2 table. We agreed to participate and will work on gathering material and planning our display in coming weeks.
2. School Renovations/Building - it has been suggested by Dr. Oakley and Beth Faricy, Town Administrator that an ADA member be part of the committee that will oversee renovations and/or building of schools.
3. Change of Meeting Times - because ADA members are available to meet during the day, we have agreed to change our meeting time to 1 PM on the second Tuesday of the month.
4. Unexpected Event - about 30 minutes into our meeting, footsteps were heard in the first floor hallway. A tall figure was seen to pass by the interior window, and abruptly turned and passed by in the opposite direction. This person did not come to the open door and thus was not recognized. When members went into the hall this person could not be seen. Because Mrs. Perry had unlocked the Town Hall door before the meeting, and the door had to be left open to comply with open meeting laws, we believed ourselves to be the only persons in the building. It was considered prudent to request that a police officer look through the Town Hall before we left and possibly lock in an intruder.

Accordingly, Officer John Peterson responded promptly and searched the building. He came back and told us that Mrs. Faricy town administrator was upstairs working in her office and she reported that a custodian had just been about in the building. We visited Mrs. Faricy on the second floor before leaving. We told her of our desire to change from evening to daytime hours for our monthly meetings. She indicated that this was acceptable to her. The committee will talk with Nancy Morrison about available daytime space.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned after 8 PM.

Unless there is a change in scheduling, the next meeting will be at 1 PM on March 9, 2010 in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Petrie, Recording secretary, ADA
Compliance Committee

cc: Nancy Morison, Town Clerk
Selectman's Office