

Provincetown Disability Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
December 13, 2016
Meeting in the Caucus Hall at Town Hall

Meeting Started at: 8:50AM

Members Present: Herb Hintze, Nancy Swanson, Linda Loren, Dottie Feld

Members Absent: Michelle DeMarco, Linda "Rowan" Wielblad, Gloria McPherson –
All Excused

Guests: Chief of Police James Golden

Public Statements: None

Welcome and Open Comments:

Herbie – Bike Committee invited to meeting and there was not response from them. Herbie will attend the next Bike Committee meeting.

Ongoing Issues:

Herbie need to spend remaining budget by June 30, 2017 – need ideas
- Annual Town Report is due and he asked for our input.

New Business:

Chief Golden was invited in order to discuss the lack of Handicap parking spaces at numerous business parking lots. This is in violation of State and Federal Law. There is no clear understanding regarding responsibility for enforcement. Chief Golden suggested a letter to the various business owners regarding the lack of handicap parking with a cc: to Chief Golden.

Chief Golden was asked about several issues concerning bikes. We asked about the number of bike accidents and he stated that they are probably under reported. He did not have the current statistics but stated that there are not that many accidents reported.

Bikers have been riding on the sidewalk but there is currently no law against this.

Discussed the issue of parked bikes blocking sidewalks and private property. Current Bylaw from 2012 – No parking on trees or private property. Bikes may be parked on signs if there is a 36 inch radius of free space around bike. There is no real process for enforcement of parking violations. If the bike is a rental, the rental store is contacted to remove the bike.

Discussed the various moving violations and how to achieve some conformity to the existing laws. Current fine is on average \$15.00.

Chief Golden was thanked for his advice and the committee will get back to him for further discussion.

Other Business:

Dottie – raised concerns about the area around the Canteen. Bikes and the green carpet and furniture force people to walk in the street. This issue will be investigated further.

Dottie reported that there have been no further issues with the elevator at Seashore Point.

Herbie – CORD did a survey at Town Hall and asked that signage to Handicap Bathrooms at Town Hall be clearer. Current signage is lacking. Will be discussed at future meeting.

Accessible Ptown – No Meetings

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of October 11, 2016 approved with No changes. Motion made by Swany and seconded by Linda to approve minutes. Vote 4 - 0 to accept minutes. **No meeting was held in November, 2016**

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Due to vacations and other issues, next meeting will be January 24, 2017 @ 9 AM

Meeting Adjourned at: 10 AM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by.
Linda Loren