

Meeting of the ADA Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7:00 pm,

Cullen Room of the Maynard Public Library.

Attendees: Brion Berghaus, Deputy Chief, Chris Troiano, Elijah Tucker
Guests: Lynda Thayer (14 Chandler St.)

1. **Call to order:** Elijah called the meeting to order at 7:06
2. **Public Comment:** Lynda said that she wanted to make sure that any of the Boards or committees that she sits on, or serves, are working with the ADA. She also asked for an update on the handicapped parking spot that she thought was going on Main Street. We let her know about the limitations of Main Street. We have agreed to revisit the topic at our next meeting.
3. **Reports**
 - a. **Chair's Report**
 - i. The select board has sent out a memo to all committees that all committees are now required to have a time dedicated to public comments. We already have said section. Please find the memo here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hp1Mg4R5rXpr5rUYxbj6BK5XrjMqfey-/view?usp=drivesdk>
 - ii. The Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) is offering two virtual, statewide meetings for members of local Commissions on Disability to get important updates from MOD and learn from each other. Dates are Wednesday, July 19, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Or Thursday, August 31, from 10 AM to 1 PM
 - iii. The annual town meeting is next Monday at 7 PM. There was a notice that went out that there is enough on the schedule that it will probably spill into a second meeting on Tuesday night.
 - iv. We have received a couple of complaints recently that

speared off 5(c) and 5(d).

b. Member's Report

- i. DC Chris has been in contact with Justin DeMarco about the ADA improvement grant application.
- ii. Brion hasn't heard anything about our treasury.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Review Minutes of April 11, 2023: Elijah motioned to approve the minutes of 4.11.2023 with no changes. Brion seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. ADA Matters

- a. Alumni Field Accessible Parking: Brion sent an email and Cced the rest of us. He is waiting to hear back from the Head Football Coach, Thom Boerman.
- b. Crosswalk Pips: Elijah forwarded our letter to Mr. Fox to Town Administrator, Greg Johnson, but we haven't heard anything back. We need to ask Justin DeMarco to find out how this is dealt with in other communities. If other communities are having the same problem, are we dealing with a defective product? Consult MOD?
- c. Complaint about Douglas Ave
 - i. Elijah received a new complaint about the crosswalk at Douglas Ave that was brought up a few months ago. Elijah responded that it was moved by a contractor and that the ramps that were on the old one were not up to code but were grandfathered into an older version of the ADA. When they moved the crosswalk the grandfathered status was lost. To do new curb cuts would be very expensive. The ADA Comision does not have a budget. Finances are the reason the "new" crosswalk was not kept up (the paint was allowed to fade away). We need to figure out how to get the town to correct this situation.

d. ADA email

- i. With multiple complaints coming in Elijah does not want to keep using his personal email. He was in contact with Greg Wilson in the Clerk's office and he said that we can set up an email that is just for the ADA commission. Elijah felt it would be good to have multiple people to have access as well. We could either get an @townofMaynard address, or maybe we could have a contact form on the town's website.

6. Other Matters Properly Brought Before the Board

- a. Openings and charge for Town Meeting: We are allowed five members and have an opening for one member. Denise will email Diane Reardon to find out if the "charge" that she is looking for is what we would think of as our "mission statement".
- b. Regarding parking issues brought up by Lynda, we need to do some research about the parking issues and whether or not we can make positive parking improvements.

7. Next meeting: June 6, 2023, 7:00pm in the Cullen Room of the Maynard Public Library.

8. Adjourn: Denise made a motion to adjourn at 8:53. Elijah seconded. All were in favor.