

Brattleboro ADA Advisory Committee

Mission Statement: "The Brattleboro ADA Advisory Committee is dedicated to creating awareness of ADA concerns while providing information about, advocacy for, and solutions to the Towns's ADA-related needs and issues."

Friday, March 8, 2013

Present: Whitney, Gary Snyder, Bob Sisler, Hannah, Deb(ASL interpreter), Geni, Barb (town Manager), Mike Fitzgerald(deputy, Bratt Police Dept.), Candace Stoumen

Absent: Missy Boothroyd, Liz Snyder, Leah Stuart.

Meeting convened at: 10:08AM.

Was a stormy morning; Storm Saturn.

Review of February's minutes. Motion to approve without correction; made by Bob, and 2nd by Gary.

Whitney mentioned that a couple of people are invited to attend : Shirma Blanchard of Brattleboro Taxi, who is very interested in ADA issues. And, Michelle, in place of Mary Habig.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Status of ADA Town Transition Plan. Barb says it is kind of a workload issue at present. She needs time to work with her staff committee – called Health and Safety. She asks us to keep this on our agenda to keep the pressure to work on this.
- B. VT Transportation Task Force. Gary mentioned the crosswalk by the Co-op: the Pedestrian walk light will be active, pedestrians will be in the crosswalk, and still cars will be driving over it to turn right into the Co-op parking area. Michael and Barb responded: Yes, this will be put onto the Traffic and Safety committee agenda; because it is true that a driver cannot see that the Pedestrian Walk light is activated.
 - >Whitney asked: whom will be the liason for our committee to the Traffic Safety Committee? Barb answered: that will be herself or Hannah.
 - >Barb: there is an engineering survey looking at zone in W. Brattleboro. In the next four weeks they should wrap up Phase 1. Phase 2 begins to hire an engineer and begin construction.
 - >Michael: under the Governor Highway Safety Act, they must observe crosswalk situations throughout town. Every day he reviews areas of injury occurrence and then an officer is put at that spot to observe activity. Number one step: to inform and educate drivers/pedestrians who violate.
 - >Geni: suggested that especially suitable for the West Brattleboro location, where it is too wide and on a curve, that a decorative planter median is very useful for slowing down traffic; and it would give pedestrians a "landing island" to stop in before proceeding to cross the other lane. These have been implemented in former communities where she has resided with great success.
- C. Brattleboro ADA Advisory Committee Bylaws. Tabled until April
- D. VT Transportation Task Force. Whitney is on this creating online site for setting up ADA personal transportation.
- E. SPIL 2014-2016: Based on the Olmstead Act. People with disabilities need to provide their care in the least restrictive setting. Should engage the WRAP program to contribute to this.
- F. Selectboard.
- G. Community Relations.
- H. CRT update.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Julie Tamler could not be here today. Wants to discuss a Drop In Center for the ADA community.
- B. Job Accomodation website.

Next meeting will be on 12 April 2013 at 10AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11AM. Motion made by Bob. Gary 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Geni Tamerattia

29 March 2013