

**BRATTLEBORO TOWN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
For AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2012**

MISSION STATEMENT

**The Brattleboro ADA committee is dedicated to creating awareness of
ADA concerns while providing information about, advocacy for, and
solutions to the Town's ADA-related needs and issues.**

9/14/2012- Meeting convened at 10:15 AM with Whitney Nichols presiding as Chair. Minutes of August reviewed, and corrections made: Jeannie Tamerattia not listed as absent.

Present: Bob Sisler, Jeannie Tamerattia, Gary Snyder, Liz Snyder, Whitney. Others: Joe Hart, Mary Habig (CT River Transportation Director), her secretary Sharon Wormald.

Absent: Candace Stoumen, Rick Ethier, Leah Stuart, Missy Boothroyd, Steve Steidle. There were No Town officials present at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Whitney and Mary reviewed their trip to Randolph, VT in June to attend the quarterly meeting of the State Independent Living Council, where Whitney was a guest speaker.

NEW BUS ROUTES: Update on start of a new bus route. NH will sign the contract Sept. 19th. So new route should begin on October 1st. The State of NH is paying for all transportation costs incurred in NH.

Mary reviewed the issue between VTRANS and CT River Transportation. CRT is only being funded for 7.5 months this fiscal year for a 12 month operations schedule.

SIDEWALK SAFETY: Whitney mentioned maps for Bicycle Suitability are available. Gary has been out taking photos and will present them at the next Selectboard Meeting.

CO-OP NOT SAFE DROP OFF LOCATION ON CANAL STREET SIDE: Liz was told to contact Windham and Windsor Housing Trust regarding this issue.

GARYS UPDATES: a. the ramps on NH side of the bridge have been repaired.
B. the wood planking on the bridge is to be replaced with sidewalk material.
C. the sidewalks have been fixed near the Co-op per Steve Barrett.

WHITNEY: The ADA Committee wishes to express to Gary Snyder their deep gratitude for all of his efforts and pro-action for the Disabled Community in Brattleboro.

NEW BUSINESS

THE TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO WEBSITE is new and improved. www.brattleboro.org

COUNTERPOINT DISCUSSION: Whitney attended a day long retreat at Killington, VT. Topic: A State without a State Hospital. He gave a presentation there.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25: At the Brattleboro Retreat will be a Wellness Fair.

ADA AWARENESS DAY AT MONTPELIER: Bob S. very concerned about lack of transportation for the Disabled Community here in this region to be able to attend a very important yearly event. He said in years past bus transportation was always provided. Suddenly it has ceased and he wants to initiate an effort to reinstate this transportation. All were agreed that this should be the case. Gary is going to find out the date for 2013. Mary is going to look into this conundrum and report back to the committee in October.

Joe Hart offered to be a driver to some events. He may be contacted at :

joehart2@att.net

MALFUNCTION JUNCTION ISSUE: Jeannie told the committee about discovering a dangerous mis-timing at the intersection. After passing under the Green signal on Canal street and heading to take the right turn onto Vernon Street, two times in this past week, as she was rounding that turn, the Pedestrian Signal had already activated and a group of mothers with children had stepped into the crossing directly in front of her car!! No one notices this issue when there are no pedestrians to cross there. Joe Hart stated that probably it is because of lag time to make this very long turn , compared to the other green light turns at the intersection. It was agreed that the First Step will be that Gary will go to this corner and observe what Jeannie has witnessed. At next meeting we will then decide on the Next step.

Next meeting scheduled for March 9, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

Motion made by Gary Snyder to adjourn. Second by Liz Snyder. Meeting adjourned at 10:58AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannie Tamerattia
19 September 2012