

Brattleboro ADA Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes for December 14, 2012

**Present:** Whitney Nichols, Candace, Stoumen, Bob Sisler, Gary Snider, Kathleen Achilley, Kelley Murray, Missy Boathroyd and Seforkor Ormaeku-Pomex,

**Other:** Joan Ellis, Deb Baker, ( Interpreter) and Mary Habig

**Absent:** Leah Stuart and Geni Tamerattia, Elizabeth Snyder and Barbara Sondag.

Meeting was called to order by Whitney Nichols at 10:10 am.  
He opened the meeting up with the Mission Statement.

Motion to approve the Nov. 9, 2012 Minutes was made by, Gary Snider and 2nd by Kelley. All approved.

Due to conflict in her schedule, Barb Sondag could not attend this meeting. Elizabeth Snyder had a conflict with her work schedule and Geni Tamerattia was not feeling well.

**Old Business/Review Discussion**

Whitney provided a "Protocol for Meetings Handout. Members reviewed without discussion.

Town Attendance and Representation: Whitney is going to remind Barb the importance for the Town to have a representative at the ADA Advisory Committee Meetings. Whitney will also ask Barb if she could ask Chief Eugene Wrinn to attend the next meeting, as there are a lot of safety questions and concerns. There was a lengthy discussion on how the ADA Advisory Committee can work as a team with the Town to assure Town representation at the ADA meetings. It was suggested perhaps the meetings should be held at a different time and/or day.

ADA Town Transition Plan: NTR.

Select Board News: Whitney wanted to acknowledge all the efforts Gary has made working with the Town on ADA issues. Everyone expressed their delight and appreciation of Gary's hard work. Gary stated he was involved in a discussion with the Town on having an Interpreter at the Selectboard meetings. The Town is working on appropriating funds in the budget to cover this cost. The committee had a discussion on how to help the town cover some of the cost. Suggestion on research on Grants, Internships and volunteers.

The committee discussed having representation at the Selectboard meetings. It was decided since Whitney and Gary are the Chair and Vice-Chair, it would be appropriate for them to represent the committee.

Malfunction Junction and Pedestrian Safety: There are on going safety issues, esp. when a vehicle is departing the New Co-Op building. If the Chief of Police attends a meeting, perhaps he will be aware of the specific issues/concerns.

**New Business:**

SPIL/State Rehabilitation Council Public Hearing: Candice, Whitney and Mary stated they participated. Mary participated from the Springfield location.

ADA Committee bylaws: Whitney provided a "Bylaws Checklist" to the committee. Everyone received a copy and was asked to review.

Green Mountain Power Energy Assistance Program: Whitney provided a public letter from Green Mountain Power. The letter contained Energy Saving Tips for Computers, Portable Heater Savings and Low-Income Assistance Program.

Perilous Crosswalk Conditions in West Brattleboro: Tabled for the Jan 11, 2013 meeting.

Update on CRT: Mary stated CRT was applying for CMAQ Funds to extend the Saturday route by one hour and to cover cost of the new route. She said the funds would also include covering an office space and an office personnel position. The Grant is due January 2, 2013. Mary stated the routes seem to be running smooth.

**Other:**

\* The Committee was pleased to see new faces at this meeting. They hope these people will consider joining the committee. They also hope a few who have not attended the past few meeting will return.

\* SILC meeting will be held in Rutland on Dec 19th. Whitney and Mary will be attending. Mary will send an email to Geni to see if she will be available to go.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am with a motion made by Gary and 2nd by Bob.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mary E. Habig