

COMMISSION OF DISABILITY
Wilbraham, Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 25, 2016
Wilbraham Public Library
Brooks Room
25 Crane Park Drive

In Attendance: Jean Courtney, Diane DaSilva, Mary Lou Fabbo, Steve Fratoni,
Barbara Harrington, Beverly Litchfield, Earl Way
Edward White

Absent: Lance Trevallion and Maggie Wurm

Guests: Karen Demers Library Director
Wayne Wrubel IT Support/Website Technician

Chairman Steve Fratoni called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

The Commission welcomed new members Ms. Mary Lou Fabbo and Mrs. Jean Courtney

New Business

Chairperson Steve Fratoni introduced Karen Demers and Wayne Wrubel.

Discussion

Karen Demers

- Books on tape and large print books continue in popularity.
- Donated reading machine Victor Stream Reader to enlarge any print medium.
- Volunteer book delivery to homebound/disable residents.
- Commission is asking to follow up with library 3rd party online vendors.

The WPL website includes the following: “The Wilbraham Public Library is committed to equal access as stated in the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA) Patrons with disability related needs are encouraged to request accommodations. The library provides a positive environment in which an individual’s needs can be accommodated and privacy respected.”

Wayne Wrubel

- The Town’s website is done by contractor Civic Plus.
- This service complies with Section 508 referring to website accessibility standards.
- The town’s website contains the following: “Assistive technology as Braille reader, screen reader, or TTY, format on any material on towns website interferes with ability to receive information contact IT Department 596-2800 ext 115 IT Support: support@wilbraham-ma.gov

Anthony Aube, Public Access Director, will be contacted in regards to audio difficulty and possibility of implementing captioned information.

Approval of Minutes:

Beverly Litchfield made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday January 14, 2016. Edward White seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business

- Report on status of FY 2016 CPA Grants for Spec Pond fishing has completed its approval requirements and the town is waiting to receive the bid documents of the design firm. It will be put out to bid as soon as possible for construction this spring.
- The Children's Museum accessibility grant request for \$143,000 of Community Preservation funds will be on the Town Warrant for public vote on May 16th.

Steve Fratoni tracked down ADA transition plan, discussion of Children Museum/Old Meeting House and Town hall. Steve Fratoni will ask Town Administrator Nick Breault how to proceed to have changes made to Town Offices and to inquire which Selectmen is our liaison.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, March 31, 2016 at Wilbraham Town Hall
- April to be determined

Adjournment

- Edward White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. with Beverly Litchfield second. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Harrington
Secretary