

Nantucket Commission on Disability
Minutes
June 6, 2007

Present: Mickey Rowland, Dick Moran, Phil Gallagher, Linda Williams, and
Brenda McDonough

Absent: Liz Winship

The meeting opened with the members reviewing May's minutes, which were unanimously approved.

Topics:

- **One North Beach Street**

Dick mentioned that there is no disabled parking at One North Beach Street. There is a new commercial building there with limited parking. Dick believed that they received a parking variance from the Zoning Board so that is the reason for the limited parking. However, if the building is zoned for 15 spaces or more, then according to the Access Code, at least one space must be an accessible space. The Commission noted that when a parking variance is granted then the disabled community actually loses a disabled parking space. So, I will contact Bernie and Tom Hopkins and ask them how the disabled parking space code is affected when a parking variance is granted.

- **Coffin Park**

Brenda spoke with Jimmy Manchester and he said that Coffin Park will be completely accessible in July. The Commission members were wondering if woodchips are an appropriate accessible surface. Brenda will talk to Tom Hopkins about accessible surfaces.

- **CPC Funds**

Mickey inquired about the possibility of applying for CPC funds for accessible projects here on Nantucket. Linda said that funds are allocated to projects involving historical preservation, housing, or open space and recreation. We can get more information from Ken Beaugrand of Nantucket Real Estate.

- **‘Sconset Post Office**
The new sidewalk at the ‘Sconset PO does not have a curb cut. Linda will contact the attorney for the post office construction and discuss this problem.
- **Main Street**
The DPW plans to repair the north sidewalk from Center Street to Federal Street. Mickey spoke with Mohammad about possibly raising the sidewalk a few inches. This, along with other renovations, would help to create access to the businesses that abut that portion of the sidewalk. Brenda will send a follow-up letter to Mohammad reiterating our request.
- **Variance Application for 15 Commercial Street**
Mickey excused himself from this portion of the meeting and the remaining members reviewed his variance application, which they unanimously approved to send the AAB a letter supporting the variance request.
- **Other**
The Commission wants to revisit Tresses Day Spa and see if there is any way that this building can be accessible.
Cumberland Farms is in the planning stage of making their building accessible.
Curb cuts at Landmark House, mid-Island, Stop & Shop, and the pharmacy should be on the priority list of curb cuts.

Brenda McDonough, Facilitator

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