

**Natick Commission On Disability (NCOD)
Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2010**

ATTENDEES

Commissioners:

- Residents: Ken Chernack (Clerk), Jennifer Harnish, Tim Kelley (Treasurer), Ron Ordway (absent), Joan Sherizen (chairperson)

- Selectman Liaison: John Connolly (absent)

- Municipal Liaison: Paul Carew (ADA Coordinator)

Advisory Committee: Linda Stetson

Special Guests: Brian Lauzon (Natick Police Dept.)

Interested Citizens: none

MEETING SCHEDULE

- Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2010. Time: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm ET. **Please be prompt!**

- Location: Police Station, first floor conference room on left when entering the building.

- Upcoming CY2010 meeting schedule (usually first Wednesday of the month; listed on web calendar): July 7, August none, September 1, September 11 (Natick Days), October 6, November 3 and December 1

CALL TO ORDER at 6:43 pm. Reviewed/approved April 2010 meeting minutes:

GUEST SPEAKER - Lt. Brian Lauzon, Natick Police Department, Patrol Services Commander

Lt. Lauzon was invited to NCOD to explain the Town's Handicap Parking (HP) program and processes related to it. Highlights of his remarks are:

- Commissioners were provided HP Parking Violation information windshield sheets as part of the Town's HP Enforcement program. Lt. Lauzon described for us the requirements of a legal HP parking spot, as well as the need to take pictures, both front and back, of an offending car. He told us to walk away from confrontation and to call the police department to be dispatched to the problem site.

- Veteran Disabled plates are treated similar to HP placards/plates. Regular Veteran's plates would receive a ticket if they were using a HP parking zone.

- HP placards are now the law. They must be hung from the rear view mirror showing the front of the placard, but users have to remember to remove them while driving since it causes a driving hazard if it still hangs. It is permitted to have a sleeve covering the picture. All placards must be renewed at their expiration date. They cannot be used by family and friends unless the handicapped person is in the car. Old fashioned dash board placards are obsolete and are no longer legal. They **MUST** be replaced.

- There are fines for improper use of the placard/plate. In Natick approximately 50% of tickets related to HP issues are rescinded due to extenuating circumstances as judged by the Police Department. Ticket fines are \$100 per offense. They are collected and are applied to a specific Town budget line item that is then used by NCOD for education and special projects.

- HP regulations are the same for public and private property.

Thank you Lt. Lauzon for an informative session and your willingness to share!

OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Cedar Gardens: Paul and John will research a parking issue.

- Joan: Research West Natick convenience store access incident in August 2009.

- Joan/Moira: Find JohnM's ADA publications are going.

- Moira: Review the inventory of NCOD files on JohnM's computer.

- NCOD: Continue/complete playground project planning.

- Jen: Has the intersection of routes 27 and 135 been improved?

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- NCOD: Continue/complete the rail Trail discussion.
- NCOD: Continue/complete the railroad station improvements project.
- Linda: review Disability Sensitivity seminar given at library... is it appropriate for the public?

OPERATIONS and SUPPORT

Correspondence - Joan

- Joan: DPC meetings in May were not attended by us.
- Joan gave Paul the Careers magazine.

Financial Report - Tim

- Nothing new.

Website Support - Ken

- Business as usual... agenda and meeting minutes uploaded to the website

MW Ride Task Force – Ken

- The MW Ride Task Force will have its last meeting in June at the newly renovated MWRTA HQ. The Task Force has successfully assisted in the MBTA-to-MWRTA RIDE transition.

MWRTA Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) – Ken

- No meeting was held during the previous month.

MWRTA Advisory Board – Tim

- No meeting was held during the previous month.

Access Issues

- No discussion.

Natick Days

- Jen questions about paying for Natick Days expenses were answered with “pay by personal credit card and then submit the expense to Joan/Tim for approval who will send it to the Town’s Controller”.
- Joan: There will be a Natick Days Planning meeting September 1 at 7 pm.

CITIZEN’S CONCERNS

- None

COMMISSIONER’S / ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- Membership: no activity
- The Committee had a discussion on our name and determined that it should be “Natick Commission On Disability”.
- Per Paul, John has talked to our state reps/senator re. disability related bills (see Jeff Dougan’s MOD comments from the April meeting)

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kenneth Chernack (Clerk)