

Meeting Minutes  
Andover Commission on Disability  
October 22, 2014

Present: Maddy St. Amand (Acting Chair), Julie Pike, Jennifer Samaras, Bernadette Lionetta, Justin Coppola Jr., Stephen Surette, Donna Gorzela, and Sarah Paterson. Also Present: Former Chair Justin Coppola Sr.

Minutes: Sarah made a motion to accept the September 24, 2014 minutes and Stephen seconded. Bernadette made a motion to accept the minutes of August 27, 2014 and Sarah seconded.

### Old Business – Updates

Spot checks – Justin Sr. handed around two color photos dated 10/21/14 which showed an electric pole and yellow cables from Comcast positioned in the middle of the Bancroft Road sidewalk blocking access. General commission frustration at how this obvious type of oversight continues to occur.

***Action Item: Stephen will inform the Department of Highway Superintendent of this issue.***

Bancroft School site review - Justin Coppola, Sr. opened the discussion by saying that the exterior of the new school looks good. The “pay-off” to vendors happens on October 27, despite the fact that there is no “sign-off” date yet. Justin Sr. handed around a number of photos of the Bancroft school curb cuts to the parking lots and other areas which, though completed, are not in all cases done correctly. He further noted that the Bancroft contingency fund is set up to rectify unresolved issues. ***Action Item: Justin Sr. to follow up and submit a commission report to Ed Ataide outlining unresolved access issues/outstanding design flaws.***

## New Business

Mission Statement—Maddy distributed copies of the ACOD Mission Statement and a separate a summary of past ACOD Studies/Projects/Programs and Educational Endeavors to facilitate a discussion on future commission goals. Maddy noted that ACOD's next walk-through/review will be the Youth Center. Two things trigger such a review—AAB (state) and ADA (federal) rules and regulations. **Action Item: Members reiterated the need of meeting with the Town Manager prior to formal ACOD goal-setting to ensure that the commission is maximally useful to the Town in its advisory capacity, particularly in light of the continuing need to "fix" access issues after the fact despite ACOD input into project construction. Further notices regarding specific meetings will follow by e-mail.**

Announcements—Julie passed around the recent Townsman article authored by Bernadette about the singing group 'My Own Voice' and its recent summer venture to Tanglewood.

Adjournment—Julie made a motion to adjourn and seconded at 8:02 p.m.

*Next meeting: November 19, 2014 6:30 PM  
- one week early due to Thanksgiving -  
Memorial Hall Library, Activity Room, Lower Level*

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McKelliget