Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Accessibility
Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, August 18, 2018
4:00 PM start

Attending: Nate Besio, Emma Allen, Ron Redmond, Dave Clark

I. Review of Minutes: May meeting minutes approved by committee unanimously.

II. Agenda. Nate reviewed the meeting agenda.

III. UPDATE ON ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPOTS RECOMMENDATIONS. Ron Redmond to confirm if the traffic regulation amendments were approved by the PW Commission.

- 7A Accessible spaces designated. No person shall park any vehicle at any time in the following locations, except automobiles displaying special handicapped license plates issued pursuant to 18 V.S.A. Section 1325, or any amendment or renumbering thereof:
  - (3) The third space west of Church Street on the south side of College Street.
  - (42) on the east side of Pine Street, in the first space north of College Street
  - (44) on the north side of Cherry Street in the first space east of St. Paul Street (van accessible)
  - (82) On the south side of Main Street in the second space west of Church Street.
  - (100) on the south side of Bank Street in the first space east of Church Street.
  - (167) on the north side of Cherry Street in the sixth space east of St. Paul Street.

IV. UPDATE ON COLLEGE STREET BUS STOP (at City Hall Park, Eastbound)

- Note needed to Martha Keenan with photos and recommendation for improvements. Physical changes to bus stops start with the municipality.

V. FUTURE SURVEY

- Downtown assessment of crosswalks with audio.

VI. MAY TOWN MEETING RECAP

- Group decided to host an ADA 101 training for Thursday, October 18 from 4:00 - 5:30 at DPW, using same format as May meeting. Emma to check DPW meeting room calendar to confirm room is available.

- Future training meeting to focus on SeeClickFix. Nate to blast to his mailing list the availability of this app. Rob Goulding at DPW to be invited to next meeting to discuss how to educate people

VII. AWARDS TO ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES. Group discussed process for recognizing downtown businesses (restaurants and retail stores) that have made recent accessibility improvements or have consistently demonstrated commitment to accessibility.

- VCIL has been out in the past to award businesses who have made efforts to be more accessible to people with disabilities in the past. One is for the Ally of Accessibility award which is handed out to any business that has made an effort to be more accessible and the other is for the Rosie Miller Dining for All Award which is handed out to restaurants. Committee to look at VCIL forms and create a similar on-line nomination process, create a final version at September meeting. One idea: recognition for gender neutral bathrooms, which can be helpful to people with disabilities.


VIII. UPDATE ON STOREFRONT ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY – in process.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 PM