

C.A.I.R. Commission

COMMISSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT IN RUTLAND

Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Present: Chair: Robert Barrett

Aldermen: Gary Donahue

Other Attendees: Tiffany Heath, Glenn Reed, Rose Reed-Denardo

Location: Downstairs Conference Room in Rutland City Hall

- Meeting opened at 3:30 p.m.
- There were no new people in attendance
- Progress on Old Business and Discussions
- Progress on Old Accessibility Issues

Bob reported that Olivia's Market had hoped to repave part of their parking lot before winter and paint in the accessible parking spot, but it probably won't happen until spring.

Bob noted that the owners of The Party Store have gone to Florida for the winter, but Glenn said that the striping is painted in for the accessible parking spot there. However, there is still no accessible parking insignia.

The coal chute hole on West Street, which had been covered with a huge metal plate, has been filled in and concrete has been put over it, so that issue has been fully addressed.

There has been no progress on the automatic door at the Rutland Police Station. Bob and Gary are going to check to make sure that money for this project has been put into the budget and will report back to CAIR members.

Glenn has emailed David Sagi to follow up on the letter sent to him regarding the need for automatic doors at the Center Street entrance that leads to the transit center. David is going to check on this and get back to Glenn.

Bob reported that he visited the Dental Clinic at 69 Allen Street and did a walk-through with staff and that they will soon be addressing the repairs needed on their ramp.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent from CAIR to the owners/managers of the gas station/convenience store at Grove & Park Streets regarding the business's lack of accessibility and the location of its accessible parking spot. Glenn will compose this and run it by CAIR members before sending.

The lack of a curb cut on the sidewalk near the TD Bank ATM on Evelyn Street was brought up and Bob noted that the long-term plans are for this entire street to be renovated and turned into a pedestrian walk-way. Members agreed that the expense of putting a curb-cut here for a short time is not worth the expense.

New Items to be Discussed

- Open the discussion for any possible new issues

The poor condition of the sidewalk on the east side of Wales Street, between Washington and Center Streets, was tabled until Nate attends a meeting and can talk about projects planned for 2016

Glenn discussed a recent event held at the Franklin Pierce Center at the Howe complex, the lack of accessible parking and how it affected an attendee who uses a wheelchair. There are the proper number of accessible spots in the interior parking area of the Howe Center, but the one adjoining Building #3, which houses the FPC, is not very visible and not adequate when there are events. There are other spots adjoining other businesses, but these may be occupied and placing accessible spots in the large parking area on the other side of the railroad tracks is a problem. It was suggested that the FPC could place temporary cones and signs in a few spots adjoining the building when there is an event there. Glenn will compose a letter to the FPC with this suggestion.

There was a brief discussion of the difficulty with accessing bus stops during the winter months.

Glenn informed CAIR members that VCIL/Rutland will hold a holiday open house from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, December 9 and that all are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments.

- Adjourn

The meet was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. and the next one will be held on December 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Glenn Reed

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