

C.A.I.R. Commission

COMMISSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT IN RUTLAND

Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Present: Chair: Robert Barrett

Aldermen: Gary Donahue

Other Attendees: Jessica Butterfield, Tiffany Heath, Glenn Reed

Location: Downstairs Conference Room in Rutland City Hall

- Introductions to Any New People in Attendance
- 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 he spoke with staff at Olivia's Market the day before and that they will soon be paving half of their parking lot and will paint in the accessible parking spot at that time.

Bob will soon have a discussion with the owners of The Party Store. They have been approved numerous times over the last couple of years about providing an accessible parking spot. They did put up a sign, but have not been responsive regarding the need for painting in what is required for the spot.

Jessica noted that the section of sidewalk on the east side of Wales Street, between Washington and Center Streets, is very bumpy and in need of repairs. This issue will be brought up at the next meeting when Nate is present so that the group can get an idea of what projects might be on the Dept. of Public Works agenda next year.

It was noted that the coal chute hole on West Street, which had been covered with a huge metal plate, has been filled in and that concrete will soon be poured so that it is level sidewalk.

There was no progress to report regarding the need for an automatic door at the Rutland Police Station. The question was raised as to how this will be paid for and it will probably come from the Police Dept.'s budget next year.

The group discussed the need for repair of the entrance ramp at the Dental Clinic at 69 Allen Street and that a door buzzer would be useful at this location. Jessica noted that the railing on the ramp only goes halfway down. Glenn will write a letter to the Clinic on behalf of CAIR.

- New Items to be Discussed
- Open the discussion for any possible new issues

There was much discussion of the bus stop at Allen and Mussey Streets and the lack of any crosswalks in the vicinity in order to access medical facilities on the other side of Allen Street. Bob noted that because of the location, it would be an uncontrolled crosswalk if placed here and that traffic would not stop. He suggested that the location of the bus stop was not the best choice here. Gary pointed out that extending sidewalks on the north side of Allen Street through this stretch would present challenges due to the topography. He also noted that the issue has been brought up with the Traffic Safety Committee.

There was further discussion about bus stops that are located in bad spots, including one next to the Dunkin' Donuts on Tremont Street near Templewood Court. Bob suggested that this issue is a good example of why it would be good to have representation from both the bus service and the Rutland City Schools on CAIR. Glenn will check into who are the ADA Coordinators with both and get back to the group.

Bob noted that the accessible parking spots have been completed at the CVS Pharmacy on Main Street at the intersection with Woodstock Avenue. They have two van and two car spots designated against the fence.

Bob brought up the difficulties in enforcing ADA compliance with new construction through the example of a gas station/convenience store located on Grove and Park Streets. It is a new building that was

constructed just two years ago and the ramp is inadequate and in a terrible location. Tiffany intends to check this out.

- Adjourn

The meet was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. and the next one will be held on November 18 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Glenn Reed

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