

C.A.I.R. COMMISSION

COMMISSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT IN RUTLAND

Meeting Minutes

For Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Present: Lee Bizon, Jessica Butterfield, Judy Frazier, Bob Pelletier and Glenn Reed.

Meeting minutes from September 18, 2019 were presented. Glenn made a motion to approve and Jessica seconded, all were in favor. Minutes of September 18, 2019 approved.

Updates on old business:

- Olivia's Market still no painted accessible parking mark, with early snowfall they won't be painting most likely too soon.
- Irving on Grove Street completed and painted up to code.
- PC/WalMart parking lot. There is a new property manager Bob spoke him about parking along the sidewalk. The PM said they planned on painting for the spaces and those would be used for 3 hour parking notification only. There are accessibility parking spots close to the front of the stores.
- Rutland Healthcare & Rehab – Ramps and parking spaces are up to code.
- Pines – Bob will check with the City Engineer.
- Dunkin Donuts on Strongs Avenue, route 7 has poorly designed entrance and walkway. Bob has not has a chance to get there to take a look.
- Five Guys – up to code.
- Toolcraft street ramp – Bob hasn't had a chance to take a look, but believes the ramp is for deliveries and there is a level entrance off the parking lot that has no ramp or steps, but is accessible.

New business:

Discussed the snow on City sidewalks, bump-outs and bus stops. It was explained that the roads have to be the City's main priority and they do go through local sidewalk with a plow, but cannot do bump-outs or curb cuts. It is the responsibility of the store owner downtown to maintain their store front walkways.

The Bus said they do not shovel each bus stop, but if there are complaints or a major traffic stop then they try to clean them up. The stop on Tremont Street could use a roof above the bench as that location gets a great deal of use. Lee also mentioned that there is a large portion of garbage at that stop, not sure who placed a garbage can there, but it is not emptied and often filled with water because it contains no top. We wondered if Dunkin Donut placed it there.

Glenn asked about having the State or whomever is responsible for the corridor from Center Street to the Transit Station as he would like to see some automatic door openers there. Judy will check into it.

Complaint at the Transit Station because the City's DPW closed Willow Street to do some repairs to pipes, they informed the Station, but did not have cones redirecting traffic out of the deck (Willow Street was not an exit) so they had to take chances and go down the one way ramp exiting onto West Street.

Glenn Also mentioned Head Start not having any accessible parking with signs. There is one space painted, but once the snow falls it is covered. Also again he mentioned the lack of a cross walk there. The City does not own the parking lot, but can check in with the owner about placing a sign or two there.

There being no new business Lee made a motion to adjourn, Glenn seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Frazier, Chair