

**C.A.I.R. COMMISSION
COMMISSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT IN RUTLAND**

Wednesday, Jun 21, 2017

Present: **Chair:** Robert Tanner
 Aldermen: Gary Donahue

Other Attendees: Jessica Butterfield, Glenn Reed

Location: Downstairs Conference Room in Rutland City Hall

Introduction of any new people in attendance: None

Progress on Old Accessibility Issues

Rutland County Headstart at 78 Meadow Street, no accessible parking and crosswalk blocked for access—Bob said he needs to take a look at the site.

Rutland Post Office on West Street—no accessible parking sign. Bob talked with staff there and reported that the Post Office has begun construction on a new ramp to the side entrance, but did not make allowance for a temporary ramp. Their temporary solution is that staff can take mail out to those that can't access the building. They will also address the parking issue with the new construction.

Irving gas station on Grove Street—inaccessible and poor location for accessible parking spot. Glenn reported that he has not gotten an update from David Sagi on this.

Washbuckler's on State Street—no accessible parking spot. Bob still needs to check this out.

Mt. St. Joseph's Academy—no accessible parking spot in front. Bob suggested that Gary bring this issue up at the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

Rutland City Police Dept.—need for automatic doors at entrance. Construction of a ramped sidewalk to the entrance is supposed to happen

sometime this “season.” The new mayor needs to be approached about the need for the automatic doors which were promised by the former mayor.

Heritage Bank on West Street—accessible parking spot has no sign and paint striping is faded. Bob will check out and approach manager.

Sidewalk on Wales & Willow Streets—poor condition. Nate was to report back to Committee on this but he is on vacation.

Sidewalks on Prospect, Union, School and Forest Streets—Nate was to report back to Committee on this but he is on vacation.

Olivia’s Market on Stratton Road—no paint striping for accessible parking spot. Bob will go and talk with management.

Main & Washington Streets and Center & Nickwacket Streets—missing curb cuts. Nate was to report back to Committee but he is on vacation.

New Accessibility Issues

Crosswalk in middle of Merchants Row—new curb cut on east side near Asa Bloomer Building has lip that is difficult for wheelchairs to cross. Nate was to check this out and get back to the Committee but he is on vacation.

New café opening on Center Street—David Sagi brought up question of if there are any plans for a ramp. Bob pointed out the difficulty of putting in another ramp in that area where there are already three to nearby businesses.

Other Business

Bob suggested a follow-up letter to the Community Dental Clinic as they have still done nothing to extend the railing on the ramp to the entrance. Glenn will write this.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Reed, CAIR Member