

October 10<sup>th</sup> , 2018 Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly Meeting  
Located at the Garden Room, Fitchburg Public Library @2:00pm.

Commission Members:

Bill Tolos	Chair	Present
Mary Ann Guichard		Present
Sharon Tardiff		Present
Deanna Tardiff		Present
Carolyn Quirk		Present
Kathy Hamelin	Absent	
Nick Carbone		Present
Doris Matte		Present

**Item 1: Minutes Announcements/Notices/Events:** Meeting commenced at 2:10pm. September Meeting Minutes were voted on & accepted with change of meeting time on last page. Bill had several announcements; The Amputee Association is holding a raffle: Tom Brady's signed helmet and T-shirt, tickets are still available contact Bill and the Amputee Association is having a Karaoke Night at the Moose Lodge in Marlboro Ma., located on Fitchburg Street at 7:00pm, Friday, November 2, 2018.

Guich announced that she is still accepting/collecting bottle lids/tops to be turned in for people, to help supplement the cost of Cancer Treatment(s).

**Item 2: Open Forum:** New Members for the Commission. Bill had talked to several interested individuals at the Community Resource Fair and told them to come to the Disability Meetings and see what it's about.

**Item 3: Disability Resource Event – 2019,** Deanna will make and have “save the date” flyers available, she waiting to hear back from her request to the School to have Real-Time available at the Disability Resource Fair. The date for the next Disability Resource Fair is March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Wednesday, at Monty Tech High School, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

**Item 4: Accessible Art Studio Painting Class:** The next class will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018, from 1:30pm – 3:30pm at The Arc of Opportunity on Main Street in Fitchburg, MA. This class will be a “Poured Acrylic Paintings”, no experience is necessary, the class is an inclusion classroom open to all abilities. If interested text Carolyn at 978-235-0062. Carolyn wrote and submitted her final report to the Fitchburg Cultural Council and wrote a new grant for the coming year FY19. She will be notified at the end of January about the grant.

**Item 5: Fitchburg Park Accessibility Meeting Report:** Gateway City is doing a study on accessing your local parks, there was a kick-off meeting held on October 4, 2018, at 6:00pm located at Fitchburg State University, Hammond Building, Bill attended the meeting and requested that he be present when the Park Committee does their site visits of the Fitchburg Parks.

**Item 6: Wallace Towers:** Tabled for now. Waiting for requested information.

**Item 7: Old Business:**

- a. **Curb cuts and sidewalk repairs;** Ongoing.
- b. **Tablet for Site Visits:** Tablet has been received and is being used for documentation of the visits.
- c. **Community Resource Fair.** Was held on 9/13/2018, at the Senior Center and had a big turnout.
- d. **MOD Municipal ADS Improvement Grant:** Amy and Nick will be working on putting the Grant together.

**Item 8: New Business:**

**Site Visit of Day Street to Water Street:**

The Commission was made aware that residents from 50 Day Street are having a difficult time accessing the route to Market Basket/Dollar Store both located on Water Street.

A site visit was conducted, Guich went and accessed the situation by performing a site visit of the route from Day Street to Market Basket on Water Street, in her report that was provided it stated that sidewalks are missing pieces, there are drops/holes and parts of the route have collapsed. This information will be provided to the DPW to see if there is a short term fix that can be done now to ensure safety on the route.

**Item 9: Motion to adjourn,** meeting at 3:30pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14th, 2018, at the Garden Room, Fitchburg Public Library, at 2:00pm.

