

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly Meeting  
Located at the Garden Room, Fitchburg Public Library @2:00pm.  
Commission Members:

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

Amy LeBlanc attended as a Friend of the Disability Commission. Debby Griffin resident of Fitchburg attended the meeting as well as Ralph Baker representing Fitchburg Trails Vision Plan.

**Item 1: Reading of the Minutes** Meeting commenced at 2:00pm.  
Minutes from the December meeting were voted on and accepted

**Item 2: Announcements/Notices/Events**

**Item 3: Open Forum:** Debby Griffin spoke about issues in the City that are causing mobility problems. Some mainly due to the recent snowfall, snow affecting the sidewalks and curb cuts, the commission will look into the problems. Also areas of concern about Wallace Towers.

Ralph Baker spoke about signage for trails that are located in Fitchburg and asked the Disability Commission to review the “Fitchburg Trails Vision Plan” and provide a letter of support/endorsement for signage.

**Item 4: Finance and Budget:** Sharon provided an update on Funds for 2020.

**Item 5: Accessible Art Painting Class Funding:** Carolyn wrote and submitted a grant to host several paintings classes and was awarded the grant in the sum of \$1,200.00 for the year 2020.

**Item 6: Housing Authority meeting at Wallace Towers:**

Mr. Bushman from the Housing Authority was awarded a Grant for Wallace Towers, Bill attended the ceremony. The Grant will provide for many improvements at Wallace Towers for accessible spaces/apartments.

**Item 7: Old Business:**

- Ramp for Wallace Towers: The ramp would be used by the residents at Wallace Towers to access the patio so they can enjoy some outdoor space. Tabled for now Will meet w/Housing Authority/Meeting to be scheduled.
- Curb cuts - library sidewalk cut too steep – Meeting with DPW, submitting grant for \$35,000. To move/repair curb cuts.
- Summer Street Elevator – Elevator has been fixed and is now working.
- John Fitch Highway Urgent Care - accessibility complaints.

- Sidewalk in front of Salvation Army on Water Street – Orange markings have been placed - ground frozen
- Leominster Emergency Housing Building Visit – tabled until Spring.
- International Wheel Chair Day – Tabled.
- Host FATV Show – Tabled for now researching more information.

***Item 8: Shoveling Snow for the Disabled and Elderly:*** Sharon contacted the ROTC and they are putting together a list of volunteers to shovel. Inquiries about shoveling ordinances.

***Item 9: Motion to adjourn,*** meeting at 3:30pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Garden Room, Fitchburg Public Library, at 2:00pm.