

DAAC Minutes

Sept. 26, 2017

Attendance

DAAC members present were: Gerry Weiss (Chair), Tory Dixon, Pat Branch, Ruth Smith, Joe Tringali and Seren Derin

Town Liason:

Others Present:

Call to order

Gerry Weiss called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Membership:

Tory and Gerry's terms will expire on 7/1/17. Joe's membership has not been finalized yet.

Presidential Apartments

6 units were supposed to be rented as affordable units and were not. They were rented at market value. Building inspector, Morro, gave Kamins, management firm, a notice to vacate those 6 units, making them available as affordable units for qualified families.

Town Transition Reports

Gerry will write to the Town and request funds to be allocated in FY19 budget to review the transition reports prepared by all departments many years ago to be compliant with ADA requirements.

Variance Request for UMASS Patterson House

ABB denied the request not to put hand rails at the lower end of the ramp.

Variance Requests-300 North Pleasant Street

Gerry will request for information about the sidewalk work planned for the area.

Remote Participation for DAAC meetings

Gerry will try to get the rules for remote telephone participation and share with members allowing them this option.

Town HP Parking

Several members shared the difficulties they are facing when looking for HP spaces, especially around Bangs Senior Center. With Musante Health Center opening in the coming months, 10 percent of the parking spaces is required to be set as HP. Gerry is going to request the Town to look into the design of downtown parking places.

Questions were brought up if the Town is collecting \$300 for violators of HP spaces.

Amherst Schools

Plans are being made for High School grounds to be used for afterschool programs. There is already a pre-school program at HS. Joe suggested the committee to look into HS's accessibility plans for that age group.

Concrete Change

Joe talked about this organization. They are pushing for visitability in the areas they are working with.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Next meetings are scheduled for Nov. 14 and Dec. 5, 2017 at 11:30 A.M. at Stavros Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by Seren Derin