

C.A.I.R. COMMISSION

COMMISSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT IN RUTLAND

Meeting Minutes

For Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Present: Lee Bizon, Andrew Strniste, Tiffany Heath, Ron Hemenway and Judy Frazier, but phone Jessica Butterfield

Absent: Rose Denardo and Glenn Scott, Erika Jones was to call in, but did not.

Meeting was called to order, and everyone identified themselves as there were some new members at the meeting. Ron Hemenway informed the committee that Erik Jones had resigned from her position with the Vermont Agency for Independent Living. Meetings had been postponed for over a year due to COVID, but now they will be scheduled on a monthly basis, the third Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm.

Updates on old business: We discussed those properties or concerns from our last meeting held to see if there were updates or changes.

- Olivia's Market – we are not certain if parking spots have been painted. We did know that signs were installed, but the last mention was that it was too cold to paint. The city will look into this to see the status.
- Pines – we were told that curb cutouts were not allowable in that designated area, but the issue was to be revisited.
- Dunkin Donuts on Strongs Avenue, route 7 has poorly designed entrance and walkway. Need to revisit that location to see what can be done to accommodate.
- Walkway from Center Street to Transit station should have an automatic door opener for easier access. The State is responsible for installation, or perhaps building owner. Checking with LAZ to see the appropriate contact for installing this.
- Head Start parking lot at 78 Meadow Street has no accessible parking sign for parking spot, there is a painted symbol, but when it snows it is not visible. Check with property owner about installing a sign. New Building Inspector will need to contact the property owner.
- Aspentis had no accessible entrance for wheelchairs, City needs to follow-up and see if this was improved. Address is 10 Merchants Row.

New business:

- Walkway off Woodstock Avenue has cracks and holes which makes a dangerous route for those in wheelchairs, and walking. Mentioned to DPW, will follow-up with them to repair.
- Sidewalk near corner of Terrill Street and North Main, east side of road needs attention as someone had fallen there due to uneven walkway. Let DPW know.
- The question was raised about improvements on Allen Street and if new sidewalks would be placed the entire route when newly paved. Will ask DPW about this as well.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Frazier, Chair