

Minutes



Accessibility Committee

Monday 11/15/04 2:30PM to 4:00 PM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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Note taker:

John Desautel

Attendees:

Arthur Plitt, Paul Depace, Ronald McMinn, Orestes P. Monterey, Rev. Sabourin, Harvey Salvias, Anita Marshall and Robert A. Smith of RI DOT, Highway Design.

Absent:

Joseph Guay, Kate McCarthy-Barnett, Benyamen I. Efreom, Joseph Corrente

Minutes

- 1.** Call to Order and acceptance of minutes Ronald McMinn, Vice - Chair.

2:35 PM call to order. RM recommended that DOT begin the agenda in view of the President of the Building Officials had not arrived.

- 2.** Transportation Improvements Projects (TIP) Robert A. Smith
Robert A. Smith from DOT passed out a copy of the FFY 2003/2004 ADA Project Status. BS explained that of the total of fourteen TIP projects, five are completed, five are planned to commence in 2005/2006 and four are in the planning stage. BS further explained that August through October of 2005 the new TIP would be reviewed and decided by DOT. BS indicated that the GCD is encouraged to participate in the planning process.

BS sought the advice of the Accessibility Committee regarding the installation of truncated domes at all curb cuts. The Accessibility Committee recommended the use of red or yellow truncated domes at all curb cuts.

- 3.** Status of Renovation Projects John Desautel

HS explained that the State Budget Office reported additional funds are available to the Accessibility Committee. JD and HS recommended that an additional \$90,000 be provided to DEM Parks and Recreation to complete the renovations to toilet rooms located at Colt State Park, specifically toilet room #2. The total project cost is anticipated at \$140,000. FY 2005 ADA Bond Fund provided by the Accessibility Committee shall be \$130,000. DEM indicated it will provide the anticipated difference in funds to complete the project. The Accessibility Committee instructed JD to schedule an Accessibility Committee meeting in December if DEM cannot complete the Colt Park project with the funds provided. MO

motion to provide an additional \$80,000 to provide Colt State Park accessible toilet room. RM seconded, passed unanimously. Total funding for the project is \$120,000.

JD explained that Russel Chaufty from DEM, Planning contacted the GCD requesting funds to provide a handicapped fishing access on the new Stillwater Dam. JD stated that the Dam construction is well ahead of schedule and the ADA bond funds will provide access to fishing behind the Dam for the disabled. The Accessibility committee voted to provide \$20,000 in ADA Bond Funds to provide accessibility to the rear of the Stillwater Dam for fishing. MO motion to provide \$20,000 for handicapped fishing access to the rear of the Stillwater Dam. RM seconded, passed unanimously.

4.	Veterans Memorial Auditorium	Harvey Salvas John Desautel
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JD & HS indicated that JG requested a meeting with Terreann Greenwood, VMA Executive Director, to discuss accessibility renovations on the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. JD stated that Ms.Greenwood had contacted him and has set up a meeting with GCD authorities and the VMA architect, Newport Collaborative Architects. JD explained that he would report to the Accessibility Committee at the next scheduled meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 2:30 PM at the GCD Office.