

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 1990
Revisions and Additions through 2013
ADA Meeting May 29, 2013
Town Hall
Minutes**

Sara began the meeting at 7:02 by reviewing the definition and invited the participants to share their ideas and concerns. The following definition was reviewed

Definition:

The Americans with Disabilities Act is a civil rights law to prohibit discrimination solely on the basis of disability in employment, public services, and accommodations. It is a civil rights law to prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities, public and private that receive Federal financial assistance. It extends coverage of Section 504 to employment, public and private educational institutions, transportation providers and telecommunications regardless of the presence of any Federal funding. It applies to any individual with a disability who: (1) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more life activities; (2) has a record of such impairment; or (3) is regarded as having such an impairment.

Sara then discussed accessibility in the following areas:

Accessibility: Buildings and Recreational Facilities

1. Town Hall and Firehouse
 - Parking
 - Entrance to buildings
 - Bathroom
2. Parks
 - Parking
 - Ability for adults to access the playground equipment to assist children
 - Bathrooms
3. Beach Access
 - Parking
 - Access to beach
4. Town Events (Firemen's Ball, Reggae, Shrimp Boil, etc.)
 - Parking
 - Bathroom

Providing modes of communication – when requested

1. Job applications
2. Public meetings
3. Providing auxiliary aids and services (i.e. sign language, interpreter, closed captioning, note takers, materials on computer disk)

Community Feedback – Brainstorming occurred as follows:

Although there is access through a boardwalk on access 2, it would be helpful to have actually access to the beach by using a lift.(Beverly Shores). It was discussed that a grant might be pursued through the DNR. A master plan (4 year plan could be written. Also notify the Ogden Dunes Grant committee (Carolyn and Maryann). For town events consider handicap accessible porta-potties. Look for existing systems of access in other dunes areas. (South of Smokies restaurant DNR). Debbie Bailey for Braille for communication. There is a need to advertise to the community that if there is a need for alternative mode of communication (i.e. sign language)

Next Steps

A walk through with Alan Hammond will occur this summer in the firehouse, the town hall, the soccer fields, the parks and the beach. This will include an assessment which will lead to a long range plan which prioritizes current and future changes. This will be presented to the Homeowners Association and Parks Department and then the Town Council.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

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