**Meeting Minutes April 18, 2018**

**Advisory Committee on Accessibility**

Attendees: Nate Basio, Dave Clark, Martha Keenan, Emma Allen, Ron Redmond

1. Agenda and Minutes from March – tabled for May meeting.
2. Obstacles at Accessible Parking Spaces Downtown
   1. Nate presented his report detailing Main, Pine, College, Bank, Cherry.
3. TOWN HALL meeting.
   1. May 16 from 4:30-6 at DPW. Opportunity to bring people together and gather information, check the temperature for four key issues:
      1. Transportation
      2. Housing
      3. Accessibility to buildings
      4. Employment

* Questions we will ask of attendees:
  + What are the top three challenges for Transportation, Housing, Accessibility to buildings and Employment?
  + What are the ways to address those challenges? for Transportation, Housing, Accessibility to buildings and Employment?

**Invitation Copy:**

The Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Accessibility

You are invited to a Town Hall on Accessibility in Burlington

Wednesday, May 16 from 4:30 PM to 6 PM

Department of Public Works, 645 Pine Street, Burlington, VT 05401

Focus on accessibility issues related

* Transportation
* Building Access
* Employment
* Housing

Featuring subject matter experts facilitating discussions.

Help us identify the top three challenges for each of the four accessibility issues

Brainstorm with us to develop the next positive steps forward.

Contact: Nate Besio, email and phone.

**Subject Matter Experts**

1. Transportation: GMT (Nate contacts), United Way of NW Vermont/Leah Soderquist (Emma contacts)

2. Housing/Michael Monte (Ron contacts)

3. Employment – VABIR, Voc Rehab, Transitions 2 (Nate contacts)

4. Accessibility to Buildings. VCIL (Nate to ask Mike Charron)

**Who to invite:**

* PW Commission
* City Council
* Mayor’s Office
* CEDO
* VBVI
* AARP
* BBA
* Past members of the accessibility committee

Program:

Martha Keenan Facilitator. Martha, Ron are scribes

4:30 – 4:45. Introductions. This event will be a work in progress.

For each issues, 5 minute talk, following by 10 minute discussion.

Facilitators pick up questions from attendees

5:45. Group convenes and reviews the findings.

6:00 Adjourn. Must be done by 6 pm.

1. Awards to Accessible Businesses. Continued discussion of this program. Discussed strategies, survey and possible date.
2. Adjourned. 5:45 pm