

**MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN OUTREACH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2017**

A Citizen Outreach Committee Meeting was held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00P.M. in the City Council office, Room 204.

Committee Members: Committee Chairperson Melinda Barrett, Councillor Andres Vargas, and Councillor Colin LePage and Councillor Thomas Sullivan. President Michitson also attended.

Department Head: Vin Ouellette – Director, Human Services

Attendees: Commission on Disability Issues members Joyce Thibodeau, Fran Hogan, Gerry Boucher and Anne Doughty.

The following item was discussed:

1. **Doc.# 10-B**– Communication from President Michitson asking to request from the Mayor status of facility improvements to public buildings and parks to comply with American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Vin Ouellette stated that the Citizen Center and parks are making changes and improvements to be compliant when they do upgrades or improvements.

A hard copy and electronic copy of the report completed by Jim Lyons of the Northeast Independent Living Program will be forwarded to Tom Geary, School Department Director of Facilities and Orlando Pacheco, Energy Director. Mr. Geary will follow up with schools as many administrators have changes since this evaluation was done. Mr. Pacheco is responsible for City Hall and Fire Stations. He will make his assessments.

On motion of Councillor Vargas and seconded by Councillor Sullivan to ask each person in charge of compliance for public buildngs and property to present a priorities list of potential items to improve compliance. This list is requested by March 1, 2017. The Citizen Outreach Committee plans to reconvene in mid-March to discuss which itemss can be included in the FY18 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda E. Barrett, Chairperson
Citizen Outreach Committee
Haverhill City Council

January 24, 2017

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c: Mayor James J. Fiorentini
City Councillors