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Sudbury Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, May 23, 2006; 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair, David Mortimer, Oscar Harrell, Kristin Kiesel, Stephen Machnik

Absent: None

Next meeting	Tuesday, June 27, 2006, 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center.		
Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes		The minutes of the April 25 meeting were approved as submitted.	
Old Business			
Membership Progress Report	Steve is officially sworn in. The Commission wants additional members representing various communities of relevance to its mission. Dave has contacted a senior with multiple chemical sensitivities, but she is undecided about joining.	Oscar has been in touch with a lawyer who is willing to serve on the commission as long as it is a real working board.	Oscar will give Kris the contact info for the lawyer. Oscar will invite him to the next meeting.
Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Presentations	A presentation to seniors will be part of the Soup's On series October 19 at 12:30 in the Senior Center. Maureen Valente has asked Assistant Town Manager Wayne Walker to discuss this since it is his responsibility to schedule staff trainings.		Dave will speak with Wayne to see if a chemical sensitivity training can be given to staff.
Housing for people with retardation	Dave reported that Judith Rhome, who has a son with Down's Syndrome, would like to work to convert her home to a group home for people with	The Commission supports this idea and will work with Mrs. Rhome as appropriate.	

	retardation, and establish a foundation to fund it. He said her abutters are OK with the idea.		
Municipal Parking Lot Striping	<p>Many Town and community buildings, including the Senior Center, do not have appropriate accessible parking spaces. Kris has gotten the Senior Center lot remeasured so it can be striped appropriately.</p> <p>A young woman in Steve’s life is part of a group called “Breaking Barriers” that might want to be part of helping to measure and assess Town parking lots at municipal buildings, athletic fields, etc.</p> <p>Oscar mentioned some youth groups he knows, including “STOP” (Students Organized Against Prejudice) which is a combines synagogue, Our Lady of Fatima, and United Methodist Church group.</p>	<p>The Committee would like to train youth groups to assess the Town lots for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.</p> <p>The teams of youths will need tape measures, which can be purchased with Commission money.</p>	<p>Dave will call Bill to get a schedule of painting for town lots to see if the appropriate spaces can be designated and laid out before repainting happens.</p> <p>Steve will find out when Breaking barriers will meet and tell Dave.</p> <p>Oscar will get details of STOP to Dave.</p> <p>Once the number of participating youth groups is known, we will know how many tape measures to buy.</p>
Commission Awareness Letter	Steve drafted a letter to community organizations to make people aware of the Commission, and also to request that if people know of someone with a disability that could use services or support, they are referred to the commission.	Maureen Valente has agrees to cosign the letter with Dave.	Dave will look over the letter and make any needed changes.
Transportation Committee Report	Kris updated the group on the activities of the Transportation Committee, which can be read in full in the minutes of that Committee.	Sudbury Town Planner Jody Kalback is interested in this initiative.	

	Dave added information about a Federal grant to reduce pollution that might be used to help us fund a transportation system with Wayland.		
New Business			
Assistive Technology Information	Dave went to a training on Assistive Technology, and has a lot of useful material.	Deb Galloway, the Senior Center Information and Referral Specialist, can make this information available to the public.	Dave will get the info to Deb.
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