

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Monday, November 7, 2007; 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair David Mortimer, , Kris Kiesel, Stephen Machnik, Anita Simon,

Absent: Ben Halsband, Ronald McClanahan, Susan Stocker

Next meeting	Monday, January 7, 2008, 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road
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Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes	Minutes of the Monday, October 29, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.		
Old Business			
Membership	The Commission voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss membership applicants.	The Executive session ended by unanimous vote at 5:55.	
Common Victualer's License	Chelmsford ties the renewal of the Common Victualer's license to compliance with the ADA and AAB requirements. The Building Inspector looks at the restaurants and certifies that they comply (or not.)	In an e-mail to Dave, Assistant Town Manager Wayne Walker said: "If you have documentation relative to policies concerning issuance of common victualers licenses, please forward it to me so that we become familiar with the procedure and can review it further."	Dave will collect specifics and talk to Jim Kelly.
Parking	In an e-mail to Dave Mortimer, Wayne Walker said, "I did have a discussion with Chief Fadgen concerning parking enforcement. He is not a proponent of non public safety personnel attempting parking enforcement. As far as a police detail, I would need some data on how the	The Commission favors using the Waltham model, in which Commission funds are used to pay a special police detail to focus only on violations of handicap parking. The registrar of Motor Vehicles has sent the Police Chiefs a letter recommending this model.	The Commission needs to approach whoever controls the parking spaces in the various malls in Sudbury (Shaw's, Sudbury Farms, etc.) to get them to make their handicap spaces conform to the law.

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	<p>cost of hiring a police detail for this purpose would be handled and other information on how this would work before we could be in a position to pursue it any further.”</p>		
<p>Use of parking funds</p>	<p>Milton uses some of its parking fine-generated funds to provide small grants to individuals who seek to make one-time public accessibility improvements. One example might be the sink in the men’s room of the Senior Center. Sinks are supposed to be able to bear 250 pounds for a specific length of time, and Dave does not believe the sinks here comply.</p>	<p>The Commission needs to give some thought to whether this might be a good use of funds.</p>	
<p>Sudbury ADA Plan</p>	<p>Wayne Walker’s e-mail to Dave said, “It is probably a good idea to seek funding for a consultant to undertake the needs assessment and transition plan.”</p>	<p>The town may be at financial risk if no plan is in place. A “place holder” article may be submitted while additional details, such as the projected cost of a consultant, are determined.</p>	<p>Dave will call Dennis Polselli in Framingham to get the wording of the Framingham article to use as a place holder in the warrant for the April 7, 2008 Town Meeting. The place holder is due by 5:00 PM December 31.</p>
<p>Number of people with disabilities in Sudbury</p>	<p>Rosemary Harvell has decided that a questionnaire that would allow people to self-identify as having a disability cannot be mailed out with the census. Other possibilities include: mailing it with a water bill, funding the mailing with Commission funds, or including it with the Town Report. The Commission needs to know how many people in Sudbury have specific</p>	<p>The VIP committee is also interested in having people self-identify as needing extra help in case of emergency. The state has issued an RFP for someone to design a voluntary registry for state-wide use. The Public Health nurse would collect the answers. HIPAA requirements might prevent her from sharing this information with the</p>	<p>Kris will find out the possibility of having the questionnaire inserted in the bag of information that comes with the Town report. Anita will call the water department and find out whether such a questionnaire could be included in the water bills. Dave will look into costs for a bulk</p>

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	types of disability in order to guide its work toward accessibility.	Commission.	permit and use of a mail house to get the questionnaires out with Commission money.
VIP Committee	The Senior Center is the logical place to shelter people with medical needs so that the staff skilled in medical care can be in one place.	How will the Town get people with disabilities to the Senior Center in emergencies? The Town seems to have 5 wheelchair-lift equipped vehicles. Who would drive them?	
Letter to businesses	A letter needs to be sent from the Commission to local businesses informing them of the Commission and offering technical assistance for compliance with the ADA and AAB requirements.	We may be able to work through the Chamber of Commerce. Do Commission members think it is all right to list their names and home telephone numbers on the letter?	
Assistive Listening devices	Patty Golden has not called Dave to say if devices donated by Raytheon are available.		Dave will call Patty to remind her to look for the devices.
Irina Petsch	Dave and Irina are playing telephone tag.		
Financial Report	The financial report for October seems to show that the Commission has \$17,157.50 in the account.		
MWRTA	The next meeting will be December 6 in Framingham.		
New Business			
Town Report	Dave wrote the Town Report and submitted it by the deadline.	Next year, the process of the writing the report will begin earlier so that members can review the report,	

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		make any needed changes, and sign the report.	
Publicity	<p>It would be good to have a monthly newspaper column to heighten awareness of disability issues.</p> <p>It would be good to tie the column to the website and cable TV.</p>	<p>We may want to collaborate with the VIP committee for press releases in 2008 about emergency preparedness for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Can the website tell us the number of hits it gets, or the number of unique hits?</p>	<p>Speak to representatives of various newspapers to see if they are open to the idea of a column.</p> <p>Anita will speak with Susan about publicity.</p>
New applicant	A mother of a 7 year old multiply handicapped student contacted Dave and may be interested in becoming a Commission member.		Kris will send this person an application.
Next meeting	The next meeting will be Monday, January 7, 2008 at 5:30 in the Sudbury Senior Center...		

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