

## Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Monday, September 24, 2007; 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair David Mortimer, Kris Kiesel, Stephen Machnik, Susan Stocker

Absent: Cori Carvelli, Sally Sack, Tess Zinnes

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Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes		Minutes of the Thursday, September 6 meeting were approved as submitted.	
<b>Old Business</b>			
Sudbury ADA Plan	Dave spoke with Beth Rust as to whether Community Preservation Act funds could be used to fund a consultant to update the Sudbury ADA plan.	CPA funds can only be used for housing, recreation, historical preservation and open space. A small amount might be useable to review three historic buildings in town, the Hosmer House, Town Hall, and the Flynn Building.	
Publicity	Susan's press release was published in the <i>Sudbury Town Crier</i> and <i>Action Unlimited</i> .  Susan distributed an updated list of topics for future articles, as well as copy for the next press release, looking for members to join the Commission.	It was suggested that in the October release, Susan either list all Commission members or none.  The National Office on Disability has a monthly community education program called the "Emergency Preparedness Initiative" which can be used beginning in January, in conjunction with the LEPC.	Susan plans to write some articles ahead of time to streamline the publicity process.
Parking	Steve, Susan, and Sally were asked to call six other towns that deputize	Towns charge between \$100 and	A spreadsheet of information will

	<p>members of their Commissions on Disability to monitor violations of the handicap parking spaces to assist the police in giving tickets, while Dave took eight. Not all the towns have returned calls yet.</p> <p>Steve reported on Danvers, Acton, and Burlington.</p> <p>Dave reported on Littleton, Falmouth, Methuen, and Milford.</p> <p>Susan reported on Sandwich, Saugus, and Waltham.</p>	<p>\$300 fines.</p> <p>Some towns ask the monitors to get photos of the violators' cars in place, while others just require that a form be filled out.</p> <p>Training is often provided by a police officer, usually the one who is assigned responsibility for parking violations in general.</p> <p>Offenders can become very aggressive, and safety of the monitors is a major concern.</p> <p>Not enough information was obtained to be sure, but in some cases it does seem that attention to this matter does result in decreased incidents of violations. This would be the object of our program, not primarily the collection of fines.</p> <p>Waltham pays a specially assigned officer to monitor parking out of revenues generated by fines. This began in August, and \$4,500 in fines were issued in the first week, as well as \$3,000 in fines for misuse of a placard.</p>	<p>be developed.</p> <p>The towns that were polled will mail us copies of the forms they use for their programs.</p> <p>Dave asked Commission members whether they would be willing to put substantial time into monitoring spaces on a regular basis.</p>
VIP Committee	<p>Dave will be meeting with the VIP Committee on Wednesday at 10 at the Senior Center. Sally is also now a member.</p>		
Brochure	<p>Work on the brochure will take place in January.</p>		

Disability Awareness Day	Susan visited the home of the parents of the student who was the videographer for Disability Awareness Day. They know nothing about the missing tape, but did say they would e-mail their son to ask about it. He says he mailed it, and no one knows where it is currently.	It may be that the tape is permanently mislaid.	The Commission would like to do a second awareness day this school year.
Number of people with disabilities in Sudbury	Dave spoke with Rosemary Harvell, Town Clerk about placing a questionnaire in with the Town census asking people to self-identify as having a disability. Rosemary said that this is a frequent request, and that policy has been to not allow anyone to do this, but that this is an important issue and she will talk with the Town Manager about it.	The LEPC (VIP Committee) wants to do a similar initiative to locate isolated elders who can be reached out to in case of bad weather or other stressful event.  Dave has learned that the Mass Commission for the Blind will do a mailing to people in Sudbury who are legally blind if we request it.	The LEPC and the Commission need to coordinate their efforts if possible.
Building Plans	Dave asked Susan to take a look at the plans for the new Citibank site to see if they conform to the ADA or AAB requirements.	Susan looked at the plans, but said they are not to scale, so she cannot determine from them if, for example door dimensions are appropriate.	Dave will speak with Jim Kelly to see if there are drawings to correct dimensions.
<b>New Business</b>			
CAM Training	Susan reported that the Community Access Monitor training was excellent. At the training she was able to network with members of Commissions from other towns and learn what they are doing. She also got copies of a windshield warning sign for inappropriate parking in a spot for people with disabilities, published by the Massachusetts Office	Dave commented that preparing a booklet of all accessible restaurants is a huge job requiring many person hours.	

	on Disabilities, and a copy of a booklet summarizing the ADA law, both of which we can get from the Mass Office. The Arlington Commission has a newsletter, and another Commission has a booklet listing all accessible restaurants in town.		
Town Forum	Dave has been asked to come to the Selectmen's meeting October 9 as part of their "Town Forum" series, where various Board and Commissions meet with the Selectmen annually to review activities and issues.		Dave will speak for about 10 minutes, and address several Commission initiatives: parking, tying accessibility to the Common Victualler's License renewals, Disability Awareness Day, the Voluntary registry, and the need for new Commission members.
Cori and Tess' schedule	Dave reported that the only day Tess cannot meet is Monday, the newly chosen standard day for the Commission to meet. Cori can only meet Wednesday and Sunday.		
Commission materials	The Commission is accumulating materials, including informational brochures and pamphlets, and records of its actions. Can there be a place to store these materials so there is access to them?	Lee Swanson seems to be in charge of preservation of Town records.	
Financial Report	No update; a report on August activity apparently is not yet available.		
<b>Next meeting</b>	The next meeting will be Monday, October 29.		