

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Monday, April 28, 2008; 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair David Mortimer, Lotte Diomede, Ben Halsband, Kris Kiesel, Stephen Machnik, Susan Stocker, Carol Stoner

Absent with permission: Ronald McClanahan, Anita Simon

Next meeting	Monday, April 28, 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, March 31, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.		
Old Business			
Membership	<p>This is Lottie Diomede's third meeting as provisional member.</p> <p>Steve Machnik and Ron McClanahan are both considering resigning from the Commission for personal reasons, since attendance at meetings had been difficult for them recently.</p>	<p>The Commission voted unanimously to recommend Lottie to the Selectmen for appointment to the Commission.</p> <p>Ron will take one month to consider. Meeting time and/or day could be adjusted to fit Ron's work schedule. Steve will take a leave of absence.</p>	Kris will write a letter to the Selectmen.
Sudbury ADA Plan			<p>Dave will make changes to his memo and submit the report.</p> <p>Dave will inform Kris when the memo has been submitted and Kris will put in a request to be on the Selectmen's agenda.</p>
Parking			Dave will present the results of his research to Wayne Walker, Assistant Town Manager and Parking Clerk.

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<p>Questions for Interview</p>	<p>Carol, Anita and Lottie recommended that the following be used as standard interview questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Sudbury Commission on Disability? 2) What is your connection to the disabled community in Sudbury? 3) What other committee volunteer work have you done and what did that work entail? 4) What is your best example of working cooperatively as a team member to accomplish an important goal and what was that goal? 5) Have you had any experience working on town or municipal committees? Are you familiar with its constraints, such as the open meeting law? 6) What are your special interests, experience or expertise and how do you envision bringing that to your work with the commission? 7) Are you currently employed and what do you do? 	<p>The Commission decided to add a follow up question to number 7. If the candidate is employed, “What are the accommodations made in your workplace for people with disabilities?” The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the questions.</p>	
<p>Livable Communities</p>	<p>Kris recently attended a conference in Washington where there were many presentations of ways entire communities can work to adapt themselves to support their residents in living independently and safely at</p>	<p>Kris presented a few items drawn from the report which might serve as good goals for the Commission. Many are multi-year efforts, but the Commission could adopt short term goals that lead up to the completion</p>	<p>Commission members will think about what the Commission should adopt as goals.</p>

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	<p>home. Here is a link to one good source of information: http://www.n4a.org/pdf/07-116-n4a-blueprint4actionwcovers.pdf Sudbury is already working on some of the action steps in the report, but it is not clear that the community as a whole is engaged in this process.</p>	<p>of the longer term goals. One example of a multifaceted project is the Haskell Field exercise loop/accessible playground/ accessible facilities project. Work would need to involve many Town departments including Planning, DPW, Park and Rec, Building, and others.</p>	
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>There may be bad news about the MBTA's deployment of "The Ride" for next year.</p>	<p>The COA is going to recommend that Sudbury request two services from the MWRTA: an "overlay" service to expand and extend the current COA van services, and a share-a-ride service to take people to the computer rail stations is Lincoln and Concord and to Logan Express.</p>	
New Business			
<p>Commission functioning</p>	<p>Dave noted that Commission meetings are two hours a month, and that to get anything accomplished, members need to work on items between meetings. The Commission does not have a Town staff person to advise and assign tasks to, so it is important for members to be active.</p>	<p>It is helpful for people to take on assignments that they feel enthusiastic about. An example is Lottie's work on the playground, which includes fundraising and education. If the Commission works on things like the accessible park at Haskell Field, it has high visibility</p>	<p>Once Dave gives his memo about the handicap parking police detail to Wayne Walker, it will be important to follow up energetically so that the issue does not get lost again.</p>

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	<p>Dave pointed out that there are a lot of gaps in town for people with visual impairments. For example, there are no crosswalks that have an audible walk signal, and the new hybrid cars are so quiet that they can't be heard coming.</p>	<p>and will serve to raise awareness of the Commission and its work. This also appeals to Carol.</p> <p>Susan feels connected to the parking and ADA issues, and wants to go to the Selectmen's meeting to move these issues forward.</p>	
Next meeting	<p>The next meeting will be May 19 (to avoid Memorial Day) at 5:30 in the Sudbury Senior Center. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for Monday, June 30 and July 28.</p>		

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