

## Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, August 26, 2008; 4:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair David Mortimer, Lotte Diomedede, Ben Halsband, Kris Kiesel, Susan Stocker, Carol Stoner and guest Assistant Town Manager Wayne Walker

Absent with permission: Ronald McClanahan, Anita Simon

<b>Next meeting</b>	Tuesday, September 30, 2008, 4:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road
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Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes	Minutes of the Monday, July 28, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected.		
<b>Old Business</b>			
Sudbury ADA Plan	The memo about Sudbury’s need for an ADA plan and Transition plan was completed and sent to Maureen Valente and the Selectmen for consideration for the next Town Meeting. Wayne Walker explained that the process for capital expenditures in Sudbury takes a different track. There is a capital committee that reviews all requests for expenditures in excess of \$10,000. Each project seeking funds is compared to all the others, and if not all can be funded, the Committee prioritizes the projects and makes recommendations about which should be included in the budget for the next fiscal year. In doing so, they try to fit projects into a framework established by the goals set annually by the	The process for getting included in the budget considerations is: a project is submitted to Wayne (or whoever is responsible for the appropriate department) and he reviews it. If he thinks it has merit, he writes a proposal for the Capital Review Committee. If the Committee approves, the money request will be placed. One thing the Committee would like explored is whether there may be sources of funding other than tax revenues. Would the Commission be willing to fund some of the cost from the parking ticket fine account? Or could the Sudbury Foundation fund the ADA study?  Wayne noted that Sudbury has done a lot of good faith work toward	Wayne will work with the Finance Director to jointly write a proposal for the Capital Committee, and will contact the Commission if any additional facts are needed.  The Commission will notify Wayne if it identifies any other potential sources of funding for the ADA study.  Dave will call Anita Simon and ask her to be sure the League of Women Voters does not make ADA compliance one of their featured issues.

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	<p>Selectmen. Then the budget is considered as a whole at Town meeting. Wayne noted that no one disputes that this is a worthy project, and that the Commission did a fine job in gathering the information for the report.</p>	<p>making Town property accessible, and he believes that this would be in the Town's favor if it were ever chosen for an ADA compliance review by a federal agency.</p>	
Parking	<p>Dave's memo regarding the Commission's request to fund a special enforcement detail to ticket violators of handicap parking was sent to Wayne and Police Chief Peter Fadgen. Wayne said that the Chief is still not sure that this is the best way to manage the issue. The chief feels that many parking tickets are being issued, although the Commission only knows about two or three a month, by way of the financial statements about additions to the parking fine account.</p> <p>Wayne reviews appeals for the parking fines, and only grants a waiver of fine if the person provides a handicap placard that they were not displaying at the time they were ticketed, or if it is obvious from their physical condition that they have difficulty walking. Wayne has asked the officers to add details about the particular circumstances of a violation on the back of each ticket.</p>	<p>A specific officer has been given responsibility for traffic safety, and it is expected that he will go through the large mall lots at least once each shift to look specifically for parking violators. The Chief is doing his own informal review of the issue as he visits the Sudbury Farms mall daily during his lunch break.</p> <p>In order to move forward with the request for a detail, the Chief needs to know exactly what the Commission wants: what times of day (details are in 4-hour blocks only), what particular days, weekdays or weekends, etc.</p> <p>The availability of an officer to staff a 4-hour detail may vary depending on the season. During construction season most officers are kept busy directing traffic.</p>	<p>Susan will call Waltham to get specifics on their program, including how many officers were involved, how many hours, how many days, when they got the most "hits" on violators, etc. Once she has the information, she will e-mail it to Commission members.</p>
Membership and	Steve Machnik has submitted a formal	We have one confirmed vacancy on	Kris will out the vacancy on the

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Recruitment	<p>letter of resignation, and is no longer part of the Commission. Dave is still seeking to speak to Ron to get his formal letter of resignation.</p> <p>Kris has given applications to two people who had expressed interest, but neither has returned the application.</p>	<p>the Commission and possibly two. We need to recruit members.</p> <p>Recruitment can be done person-to-person, but also often results from an article in the newspapers that motivates people to apply. The playground project may be a good “hook” to get people interested. The Town website has an area where people can look for vacancies on Town boards.</p>	Town website and send a brief press release to the papers.
Survey of the population of people with disabilities in Sudbury	The Commission will adapt the Voluntary registry form to suit its needs.		Dave will e-mail the form to Commission members, who will look at it and make suggestions.
Haskell Field	<p>The paving has been done for the walking loop and the exercise equipment for the adult area has been received and is awaiting installation.</p> <p>Lottie has many ideas for fundraising for this multi-year project. The Boundless Playgrounds grant must be expended by June of 2009. This means that work must begin right away. She estimates that \$250,000 will be needed for the whole project. The first step is the playground, then the bathrooms and a pavilion built on the slab that exists from the current tot lot. There is an existing septic system but it may already be beyond its capacity, and if a new one is needed</p>	<p>Some ideas to raise funds:</p> <p>Build a safety fence, and sell pickets for the fence to be inscribed with people’s names.</p> <p>Sell bricks inscribed with people’s names to edge the walkways.</p> <p>Sell T-shirts for kids saying they support the playground, and baseball caps.</p> <p>Do a penny drive in the schools to raise awareness and raise funds.</p> <p>Get large decorative planters and enlist groups like Russell’s or nursing homes to come maintain them.</p> <p>Have a Texas Hold ‘em night for</p>	<p>The funds raised will go through the Sudbury Friends of parks and recreation.</p> <p>Carol will help with accounting for the money raised and with grant writing.</p> <p>Kris will help with flyers and publicity. Lottie will e-mail her with the information needed on flyers and to be publicized.</p> <p>Ben will help by contacting the High School to see if students can use work on the project as their community service.</p> <p>We need committees in each area, but with the key players bring the Commission on Disability</p>

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	<p>that will add additional expense to the overall project.</p> <p>Each member of the Commission needs to help with aspects of this big project.</p> <p>The vendor selected must be approved by Boundless Playgrounds. To avoid competitive bidding, the vendor must be on the state list of approved vendors, and at present there are only two vendors that meet both criteria.</p>	<p>\$150 dollars from 150 people, The Knights of Columbus will donate their hall in West Roxbury.</p> <p>Have a fall fair at Haskell Field to draw attention to the project, with Fox news invited, possibly at the end of September.</p> <p>We need a cute name for the project.</p> <p>We need a link to the website project through the Sudbury Town website.</p>	<p>members.</p> <p>Susan will speak with Dennis Mannone when he gets back from vacation about getting his help to ask Mark Thompson to help create the website and/or the link.</p>
Livable Communities	<p>Dave has arranged a meeting with the Institute for Human centered design September 9 to meet with Valerie Fletcher and an architect to get recommendations about a presentation to Jim Kelly regarding changing Sudbury zoning laws to require visitability for new or substantially renovated buildings, as well as to try to get a sense of the overall cost for an ADA study.</p>	<p>After the meeting, a presentation will be made to Jim Kelly, and if he approves the idea, a PowerPoint presentation will be developed for the Planning Board.</p>	<p>Dave and Carol will go to the meeting September 9.</p>
<b>New Business</b>			
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p>The next meetings will be Tuesday, September 30, October 28, November 18, January 6 and January 27 at 4:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center.</p>		