

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Monday, January 7, 2008; 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair David Mortimer, , Kris Kiesel, Stephen Machnik, Ronald McClanahan, Susan Stocker; Guest Carol Stoner

Absent: Ben Halsband, Anita Simon

Next meeting	Monday, January 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, November 26, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.		
Old Business			
Sudbury ADA Plan	In working to develop a solution to the lack of an ADA plan the Commission needs to gather more information in order to be ready to submit an article for the 2009 Town Meeting, since it is now too late to gather the material in time for the 2008 meeting. In addition, this is a time of fiscal constraint for the town, so the timing to ask for a consultant may not be good.	The Town manager has requested that the Commission prepare a report for the Selectmen detailing the need for an ADA plan and transition plan, the consequences of not having one, and details about how getting a plan was accomplished in other municipalities.	
Membership	In view of the recent resignations from the Commission (two high school students graduated and moved on to other endeavors, and one person did not feel the Commission was the best fit for her talents) the group discussed improvements to the application and interview process.	Beginning with new applicants, a nominating subcommittee will interview the candidates and make recommendations to the Commission. Once the Commission has discussed the candidates, those recommended will be invited to have a provisional status, to attend meetings for three months to see if they wish to make a commitment to	The Commission needs to develop a series of standardized interview questions to avoid being in the position of discriminating against anyone.

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	<p>Dr. Carol Stoner had applied for membership under the former system, and attended this meeting. She has had long experience as the mother of a son with disabilities.</p> <p>Lotte Diamedes also seeks membership, but was unable to attend this evening's meeting.</p> <p>Ben Halsband's father came to the meeting to say Ben was sick and could not come but takes membership seriously, and Anita Simon was unable to attend due to the aftermath of a medical treatment she had today.</p>	<p>the group. After the provisional member has attended three meetings, the Commission will recommend the person for Commission membership to the selectmen. The group voted unanimously to adopt this procedure beginning in February 2008.</p> <p>After group discussion, the group unanimously voted to ask Carol to be a provisional member.</p>	
<p>Common Victualler's License</p>	<p>It appears that the Sudbury Selectmen vote a blanket renewal of all Common Victualler's licenses at one time, usually at a December meeting to cover the following year. This presents a problem for using the granting of the license as a motivator to encourage restaurants to comply with the ADA and AAB since it would</p>	<p>The process would be for the Building Inspector to make an in-depth inspection, tell the established what changes need to be made in order to comply with ADA/AAB, and then return to see that the work had been done.</p>	<p>Dave will meet with Jim Kelly to see if he will work with the Commission to request that the Selectmen stagger granting the licenses so that compliance can be added as a prerequisite for renewal.</p>

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	be impossible for Jim Kelly, the Building Inspector, to inspect all restaurants in December.		
Parking	There has been no follow-up from Wayne Walker or Chief Fadgen about the possibility of using Commission money to fund a special police detail to cite handicap parking violators, even though the Registrar of Motor vehicles has recommended this approach to all municipalities.		The Commission needs to contact the owners of parking areas in Town to encourage them to make their handicap space designations compliant with the law.
Voluntary Registry	Kris has written a grant to the Sudbury Foundation asking for \$500 to place the questionnaire in a packet with the Town Report and \$500 for printing. The Selectmen have voted to allow the registry questionnaire to be included in the packet.	It is not clear that this activity of the VIP Committee will yield the information the Commission is seeking: the numbers of people in Sudbury who have specific disabilities.	
Book	The Commission has ordered and received a book explaining how to read architectural plans so that members can inform themselves to be better assistants to Jim Kelly when reviewing new or remodeling plans for ADA/AAB compliance.		Dave will share the book with Susan.
Use of Commission Funds	The group discussed the use of Commission funds. For example, should the Commission offer some of its money to help fund a consultant for the ADA plan? Should the Commission offer small grants to		Discussion will continue.

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	people who are looking to make an ADA improvement?		
Publicity	Susan and Anita have not had a chance to talk about publicity.	The Commission will collaborate with the VIP committee for press releases in 2008 about emergency preparedness for people with disabilities.	
Financial Report	We do not have a report for December.		
New Business			
Walking Loop	An anonymous donor has contributed \$50,000 to the Town to make an accessible walking loop and related exercise area around Haskell Field (across from the Fairbank Building). Abutters have been notified, and there have been only two responses, neither negative.	Bill Place (DPW), Dennis Mannone (Park and Rec), Kris and Dave have met for a preliminary discussion.	As soon as the snow cover permits, the area will be inspected and more detailed plans will be developed.
Next meeting	The next meeting will be Monday, January 28 at 5:30 in the Sudbury Senior Center.		

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