

## Sudbury Commission on Disability

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

Present: Chair David Mortimer, Ben Halsband, Kris Kiesel, Anita Simon, Susan Stocker, Carol Stoner and guest Dee Graceffa

Absent with permission: Lotte Diomede, Stephen Machnik, Ronald McClanahan,

<b>Next meeting</b>	Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 4:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road
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<b>Issue</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decisions/Questions</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
Minutes	Minutes of the Monday, May 19, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted. Please note: The June 30 meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.		
<b>Old Business</b>			
Membership	Ron McLanahan has said he is resigning from the Commission due to family issues. Steve Machnik had agreed to take a leave of absence, but it turns out that there is no provision for volunteers to take a leave of absence.	Does Steve wish to resign or to resume active Commission status? Ron needs to write or generate a more formal letter of resignation than the e-mail he sent Dave.	Dave will contact Ron and Steve and assist them with the process.
	New members will be needed to fill Ron's spot and possibly Steve's as well.	Kris gave an application to a senior who is interested and has multiple chemical sensitivity. Dee Graceffa, who was a guest at today's meeting, may also be interested. Her son has recently acquired a disability.	Kris will e-mail an application to Dee.
Identifying populations of people with disabilities in Sudbury	Lotte spoke with the Pharmacist at Sudbury Pharmacy about encouraging the use of the registry.	Lotte also thanked the pharmacist for being willing to provide medications to Sudbury residents in emergency situations. The pharmacist said that someone had mentioned this idea, but that nothing	

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		further had been decided and that liability is a concern.	
	Lotte asked if the owner of the UPS Store might print copies of a form to collect data on the types and numbers of people with disabilities in Sudbury as a donation.	The UPS store would be willing to print a “reasonable number” (3,000-4,000).	A form needs to be designed.
	The Disability Policy Consortium conducted a focus group of people with disabilities and seniors regarding Voluntary Registries at Musketahquid. 15 people attended.	The focus group was well received.	
Sudbury ADA Plan Executive Summary	Dave gave the group his document detailing the need for an ADA and Transition plan in Sudbury.	<p>The group liked the draft, but suggested that Dave add specific numbers to the last paragraph to demonstrate the risk Sudbury takes in not being in compliance.</p> <p>If the selectmen back the idea of having a consultant draw up the plan, the Commission will need to prepare and article for Town meeting. The League of Women Voters might take this on as a project closer to the next Town Meeting.</p>	<p>Dave will add the numbers, and ask for final comments. He will then send it to Maureen Valente, the Selectmen, and Wayne Walker. Kris will submit a form requesting that the Commission on Disability be on the Selectmen’s meeting agenda to discuss the summary and report.</p> <p>Anita will speak with The League of Women Voters president about this if the Selectmen accept the proposal.</p>
Parking	Dave showed the group his revised report on the enforcement strategies for the handicap parking slots.	The group suggested that he add his name to the bottom of the document, as well as a date, and state that it is the unanimous recommendation of the Commission that the Waltham	Dave will add the items, and ask for final comments. He will then send it to Maureen Valente, Wayne Walker, and Police Chief Peter Fadgen.

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		model be adopted.	
Livable Communities	Dave reached out to Valerie Fletcher for a tutorial on adaptive environments for all of us and Jim Kelly, but she is not available until August.		Dave will again try to make contact.
Haskell Field	The adult exercise portion of the field is underway, and was asphalted today. Exercise stations have been ordered. An examination of the existing sidewalks which form part of the walking loop reveals that they are deteriorated, with many large gaps in paving, damage from tree roots, and in one case actually has walkers using the road as part of the loop. In addition there are puddle and drainage issues and a potential safety issue if existing large rocks are not enough of a barrier for traffic.	The grant from Boundless Playgrounds has been received for \$125,000. There will be a meeting from the grantors to teach Dennis Mannone, Lottie, Dave, and John Jalbert the requirements of using the grant money. The goal is to have a fully accessible park with areas for three ages of children, the adult walking loop and exercise stations, and other facilities all fully accessible.	After the meeting, Dave will outline the broad areas requiring work for the new accessible playground. Commission members will each state which part of the project they would like to work on.
<b>New Business</b>			
Meeting times and dates	The Commission had set Mondays at 5:30 for the convenience of Steve Machnik, since that was the earliest he could come due to work.	The preponderance of members would like to switch the meeting to the last TUESDAY of the month, first choice of time would be 4:00, and second choice would be 5:30.	The next meeting will be at 4:00 unless Lottie can only come at 5:30.
<b>Next meeting</b>	The next meetings will be Tuesday, August 26, September 30, October 28, November 18, January 6 and January 27 at 4:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center.		