

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Monday, May 19, 2008; 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair David Mortimer, Lotte Diomede, Ben Halsband, Kris Kiesel, Anita Simon, Carol Stoner

Absent with permission: Stephen Machnik , Ronald McClanahan, Susan Stocker

Next meeting	Monday, June 30, 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, April 28, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.		
Old Business			
Membership	Welcome Lotte Diomede as the Commission's newest member.	Susan notified Dave she wouldn't be able to attend the meeting. Ron and Steve have expressed a desire to resign or take a leave of absence, but it is not known what their decisions are.	Dave will call Ron and Steve.
Identifying populations of people with disabilities in Sudbury	<p>The Voluntary Registry is receiving a very low level of response, and is not yielding information of interest to the Commission on Disability. We would like to know the numbers of people with different disabilities in town in order to target our efforts better to serve the largest groups first.</p> <p>The Disability Policy Consortium will be conducting a focus group of people with disabilities and seniors regarding Voluntary Registries Thursday. Participants are sought. There will also be a session for caregivers of</p>	<p>How can we get the word out about the Registry?</p> <p>Ads/spots on the cable channel</p> <p>Samples or forms at local pharmacies.</p> <p>We got a grant to print the form, but printing more will cost money. Perhaps we could use the Commission on Disability funds?</p>	<p>Kris will e-mail the form to everyone. People will get suggestions on questions to Dave by the next meeting.</p> <p>Lotte will speak with the Pharmacist at Sudbury Pharmacy about encouraging the use of the registry.</p> <p>Lotte will also see if the owner of the UPS Store might print copies of the form as a donation.</p>

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	people with disabilities.		
Sudbury ADA Plan and Parking	No progress due to health and car issues.	<p>Since John Drobinski is our Selectman Liaison, should he get the ADA Plan memo first and be asked to be the lead advocate for this?</p> <p>The League of Women Voters might take this on as a project closer to the next Town Meeting.</p>	<p>Dave will send his two documents to Kris for reconfiguring, and she will submit them to the proper people.</p> <p>Anita will speak with the outgoing and incoming Presidents about this.</p>
Livable Communities	Dave spoke with Beth Rust about Livable Communities issues. Any items changing the zoning code will need to go before the Planning Board and then to Town Meeting. Beth said that action won't pass the Board unless Jim Kelly buys in.	Any proposed changes, like requiring that new construction be accessible or at least visitable must not cause an increased workload for the Building Department. It will be opposed by Developers and Architects.	Dave will contact Valerie Fletcher for a tutorial on adaptive environments for all of us and Jim Kelly.
Haskell Field	Lotte is ready to work toward the accessible playground, but feels we need a drawing or concept design so funders can see what they would be buying. She has many good fundraising ideas.	<p>We want the area to be completely accessible, not just partly. We won't know how much money we have for the equipment until paving is done and the asphalt cost is known.</p> <p>Lotte's grant asked for \$100,000 for equipment and \$25,000 for site prep.</p>	
New Business			
Housing	Beth Rust said that there are currently 17 or 18 units of accessible affordable housing in Sudbury, 4 at Musketahquid and the rest at Longfellow Glen. Many more 40B units have been approved but are not being built because there is no market	Dave has resigned from the Board of the Group Home, since it seems that the vision for the home lies solely in the mind of the original sponsor.	

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	right now. The units are not widely marketed because of the list of preferences for people with some tie to Sudbury.		
Isolated people with Cognitive Impairments	The Sudbury Town social workers are concerned about several people living in independent housing who have developmental disabilities and who are now living without caregivers, may be hoarding, and in general not linked to any services or social networks.	The social workers would like resources or experts to help them learn how to deal with such cases.	Commission members who are aware of such resources should call Dave.
Agendas	Dave will prepare agenda based on action items from the most recent meeting, except for the new business part.		Members will get items for the new business section to Dave during each month.
Next meeting	The next meeting will be Monday, June 30 at 5:30 in the Sudbury Senior Center. A subsequent meeting is scheduled for July 28.		

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