

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, October 28, 2008; 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair David Mortimer, Lotte Diomedede, Ben Halsband, Kris Kiesel, Susan Stocker, Anita Simon, and Carol Stoner

Guest: Peter Sargent

Next meeting	Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road
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Minutes	Minutes of the Tuesday, September 30, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected.		
Old Business			
Sudbury ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan	Wayne Walker reported to Dave that he is looking for another source of funds for the ADA plan, but has had not success so far. Kris went to a Capital Improvement Project meeting at which all the requests from Sudbury town departments were presented. The requests total nearly a million dollars. It is doubtful that the town will have enough money to fund them all.	The Commission voted 6-1 to offer \$5,000 of the Handicap parking fund toward the cost of the plan.	Dave will send an e-mail to Wayne with the offer, to demonstrate good faith.
Parking	Susan submitted a comprehensive report on the plan as it is operated by Waltham. Dave also did some research. There are two items to enforce: the lack of displayed placards and the fraudulent use of placards belonging to someone else. Which should be enforced? Checking on fraudulent use results in a lower number of tickets being written	The Commission decided that it would like to start details as soon as practical, but definitely before Thanksgiving, and have an officer work 4-8 Fridays, and 11-3 Saturdays, patrolling a list of spots such as Sudbury Farms Plaza, 1776 Plaza (Shaws), Rugged Bear Plaza, Mill Village Plaza, Brine's Sporting Goods Plaza, The Library, Sky	Kris will check with Maureen Valente to be sure we have authorization to spend the money on details. Dave will write up a formal request to send to Chief Fadgen via Wayne Walker for the details in November. Dave will also ask Wayne to find out what the police

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	<p>because the office must wait until the parker returns to see if he or she matches the placard.</p> <p>This is a very active detail, involving a lot of getting in and out of the cruiser, and dealing directly with violators, and Waltham has had success with getting officers to volunteer for this duty, after being trained.</p> <p>Waltham has a 20 minute training tape. Their Capt. Feeney would be willing to train a trainer from the Sudbury police force, who could train the detail officers.</p> <p>Waltham has a policy of waiving the fine for the first instance of forgetting to display the placard, but charging the fine for subsequent failures.</p>	<p>Restaurant, Lotus Blossom, Wingate, and other spots that may apply along route 20.</p> <p>The Commission would like the Officer to enforce displaying placards first, and fraudulent use if they have time. We would pay the trainer for his or her time.</p>	<p>union says about pay for training.</p>
<p>Survey of the population of people with disabilities in Sudbury</p>	<p>The survey was discussed. The revisions are accepted except the question about whether someone has a generator and would be willing to let others who need that resource share their space in an emergency.</p>	<p>The generator question will leave out the portion about sharing.</p>	<p>Dave, Susan and Anita will meet to discuss distribution strategies to present to the group at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Haskell Field Updates</p>	<p>The walking loop is paved, and the exercise equipment was installed, and looks good. However, two of the pieces of equipment have been removed again because they seemed to be difficult to use safely. They will be swapped out for two pieces with no moving parts.</p>	<p>The walking loop still has issues because of the condition of the older section of the walkway and the part on Butler Road.</p>	<p>Lotte will meet with Bill Place and others to move the project forward. Dave will meet with Bill Place re: walkway issues.</p>

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	<p>Lotte showed a drawing of the proposed playground. The existing tot lot was donated to the town by an eminent pediatrician. Boundless Playgrounds fund cannot be used to rehab an existing playground, and the tot lot can't be removed. However, there are funds to maintain the tot lot. Buzz is building about the project. \$30,000 to upgrade the bathrooms is already in the Park and Rec budget. Carol has been nominated to be treasurer of the project, but needs to go through an interview process with the Selectmen.</p>	<p>Lotte got a donation from Harvard Pilgrim, and is looking for money from the Sudbury Foundation, Liberty Mutual, Home Depot, Shaws, Sudbury Farms, and others. The equipment must be purchased by January 1, 2009 because the prices will rise by 10% for next year, we can get free shipping, and also the project must be complete by June 30 2009.</p>	
<p>Livable Communities</p>	<p>Carol has e-mailed her report to the Commission.</p>	<p>Is the Commission taking on too many projects this year?</p>	<p>This will be discussed at next month's meeting.</p>
<p>New Business</p>			
<p>Snow removal</p>	<p>A resident at Longfellow Glen who is blind has requested Commission intervention regarding snowplowing on the sidewalks along route 20. This resident and her guide dog walk from Longfellow Glen to her job at Shaw's. The Town has not plowed the sidewalks very well, and in addition private plow contractors at Ducketts and Sudbury Pines plow snow into the plowed sidewalks, creating a barrier. In addition the traffic light at</p>		

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	<p>Longfellow Glen is not auditory.</p> <p>In addition, there are some residents at the Glen with developmental disabilities who also work at Shaws. Unfortunately Marilyn Fatherly, who was the building manager, has resigned.</p>		
Walkways	<p>Where the town has repaved sections of Concord road, the walkways have been impacted. The climbs and drops as the walkways cross driveways are not passable in many instances.</p>	<p>Dave is willing to evaluate all the walkways in town with the Commission's Smart Level and a video cam, but because his power chair has a limited range he needs a lift-equipped van to accompany him.</p>	<p>Kris will ask Maureen Valente if Commission funds can be used to pay a driver to escort Dave with the Senior Center's van.</p>
Other	<p>The Commission agreed to change the standard meeting time to 7:00 PM.</p>		
Interview Applicant	<p>The Commission interviewed Peter Sargent, 12 Codger Lane, for membership. Mr. Sargent is an architect specializing in IT and CAD, and has lived in Sudbury for 16 years. He wants to join the Commission because he believes the group is working on important issues and he wants to help. He has a son with cerebral palsy, and Mr. Sargent participates in adaptive sports like skiing at Mt. Sunapee.</p>	<p>Following the interview, the Commission voted unanimously to accept Mr. Sargent as a candidate for membership.</p> <p>The next candidate for an opening on the Commission must have a disability in order to fulfill the requirement that the Commission be comprised of 51% of people with disabilities.</p>	<p>Following Mr. Sargent's attendance at two additional meetings (after the January 6, 2009 meeting), assuming that Mr. Sargent and the Commission agree that his membership is a match, the Commission will vote to recommend him for appointment to the Selectmen.</p>
Next meeting	<p>The next meetings will be Tuesdays, November 18, January 6 and January 27 at 7:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center.</p>		