

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, June 30, 2009; 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair, Susan Stocker, Lotte Diomede, Kris Kiesel, David Mortimer, and Carol Stoner

Absent: Ben Halsband, Peter Sargent, Anita Simon

Next meeting	Tuesday, July 28, 2009, 6:00 PM , Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road
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Minutes	The minutes of the May 26, 2009 meeting were accepted as written.		
Old Business			
Assessing Sudbury's Fields	Dave has reviewed the checklist and has forwarded comments and changes to Susan. Peter forwarded comments on the Open Space Plan to Jody, and the plan has now been accepted.	The Commission members are interested in assessing at least six fields, most likely Feeley, Featherland, Haskell, Davis, Fairbank, and Horse Pond. Training will be required on what constitutes accessibility, how to use the smart level, and how to use the check list. Teams of two are needed.	Susan will talk with Jody Kablack to learn how we can be most useful to here in assessing the fields. Susan will revise and amend the checklist. The Commission will meet at 6:00 PM Tuesday, July 28 (before the regular meeting) to be trained. It will be important to come on time, since there will be a full regular agenda to discuss beginning at 7:00.
Publicity and Library	The publicity subcommittee met. Peter has agreed to take this on. He has written an article about the ZoomText project at the Library, and pictures have been taken of Ben at the monitor. The program is running unacceptably slowly. Mark Thompson is assessing the problem,	Peter's article is on hold until the ZoomText is working well. The library has been very enthusiastic and supportive of this project, and has provided the financing to purchase the ZoomText. Susan gave Peter the menu of topics that were planned for press releases.	Peter will release at least one article a month. The first one will be a "who we are" article, with a call for members.

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	which may require more memory.	Anita wants to help as she is able.	
SMILE Playground	The “Community Build” for the playground will be October 2, 3, and 4. A grant writer is asking businesses to volunteer to help with the build. Postcards have been developed and a list of donors is ready, which may spark others to donate.	There will be a meeting with Boundless Playgrounds, John Jalbert from Little Tykes, Steve Dibble, the SMILE committee, Wayne Walker, and others July 9 at 3:00 to iron out the final agreements. Lotte has an architect who will make drawings of the playground to be to make it easier to visualize. The equipment is ordered.	Lotte will ask Wayne if Kris should be there to take notes. Lotte will ask Wayne Walker for a written agreement that \$10,000 of Commission on Disability funds can be expended for the project.
Survey	Kris spoke to Wayne about the potential meeting with himself and Maureen Valente regarding getting access to Commission on Disability funds for the playground and the survey.	Wayne expressed doubt about the advisability of the Commission on Disability, representing the Town of Sudbury, asking for or keeping information that can be regarded as confidential. Wayne also said that a meeting would need to wait until after Town Meeting because planning for the meeting was taking large portions of everyone’s time.	
New Business			
Commission on Disability website	The Commission on Disability portion of the Sudbury town website can be made much more useful. For example, it would be helpful to have resources and links for particular segments of the disability community.	Commission members each have special interests that they can use to help develop content for the website. Lotte is interested in resources for families with young children with disabilities, Ben is a good person to develop resources for the visually impaired, Carol understands the issues involved in transitions to	Each member will bring content in their area to the next meeting. Kris will edit the content and turn it into PDFs for downloading. Susan will talk to Mark Thompson regarding guidelines for what can be placed on the website. Commission members are asked to

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		<p>adulthood, Dave knows resources for adults with disabilities, Kris understands the process of hiring a PCA, and Peter's publicity can be put on the website.</p> <p>We do not want to duplicate resources that are already available. It needs to remain clear that this is a website for Sudbury-related resources. It will be important to keep the information clear, straight forward, and easy to access.</p> <p>Commission members will develop the website content; Kris will post it. It will be important to keep the website fresh and updated.</p>	<p>look at the MetroWest Center for Independent Living website, www.mwcil.org for a model.</p>
Cooperating and Coordinating with Other Town Bodies	Susan notes that there are very many commissions, committees, and departments in Sudbury, and many of them have tasks that at least at times relate to the interests of the Commission on Disability.	How can the Commission learn about what the other town bodies are doing, and get input to them in a timely way? Would it make sense to have each of the Commission members be the liaison to one or two other town bodies? For example, how can the Commission get input into walkway design?	Susan will draft a blanket letter to all the other bodies saying that the Commission is available to provide input into planning.
Vacations	Susan asked each member for their vacation plans for the summer in order to coordinate the fields survey and meeting dates.		
CERT Emergency Preparation Fair	Susan talked to Richard Simon and distributed a PowerPoint document	What should the Commission's involvement entail? A display? An	Commission members will think more about what form our

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	that details the planning for the September 13 fair. The Commission has voted to participate. A good-sized crowd is expected.	opportunity to sign up for the Voluntary registry? Offer the Braille version of the emergency planning information that Ben has supplied? Should the survey be offered?	involvement can take and be ready to discuss at the next meeting.
Updating the Mission Statement	What motivates each member of the Commission? What is each one's vision for Sudbury?	Energy, enthusiasm, and leadership are needed from each member, although the others will help follow the lead of whoever is the point person on a particular project. However, it will be important to have coordination and not have everyone working in too many directions instead of working together as a team on one or two things.	
Next meeting	The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 28 at 6:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center. Proposed further meeting dates are: August 25, September 29, October 27, November 24, and December 29 (last Tuesday of each month).		

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