

## Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, November 24, 2009; 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair, Susan Stocker, Lotte Diomede, Ben Halsband, Kris Kiesel, Peter Sargent

Absent: excused: Carol Stoner, not excused: David Mortimer

<b>Next meeting</b>	Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road
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Minutes	The minutes of the Tuesday, October 27 meeting were accepted as submitted.		
<b>Old Business</b>			
Assessing Sudbury's Fields	It still remains to put the raw data into a template/report with an executive summary.		Peter will get the raw data from Susan and will make a start on the report.
Publicity	Peter's article on the library project has appeared in the <i>Town Crier</i> and <i>Action Unlimited</i> . It is on our web page, and the library wants to link to it. The parking surge article has been submitted but has not yet appeared.	The recruitment article is next.	Peter will contact the editor of the <i>Crier</i> to see if the parking surge article can be put in soon.
Web Page	Susan met with Mark Thompson, and now has access to putting items on the website.	Susan plans to post photos and information on the new playground, and some links to useful sites.	
Parking surge	Susan had a good meeting with Lt. Nix of the police department, who will look into creating details beginning Wednesday, November 27 if possible.	Lt. Nix said he would e-mail Susan, but has not as yet.	Susan will follow up with Lt. Nix.
Braille signs at high school	Kevin Roessler will leave a plan of the school at the office for Susan and Ben.	Susan and Ben plan to survey all the signs after Thanksgiving; it will probably take three days (a day for	Kris will see about getting a walker with a seat for Susan's use, since there will be a lot of walking and

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		each building). There is no need to write down what the incorrect Braille says; simply to note that it does not match the printed words.	standing involved.
Finances	The most recent report does not show any money deducted from the Commission on Disability account for the Haskell Field project, however Wayne Walker said in an e-mail that \$5,000 has been released, and the final \$5,000 will be released once a punch list has been attended to by the vendor.		
<b>New Business</b>			
Disability Policy Consortium	Susan and Ben went to a meeting of this group. It seems to be primarily a political action group, working for policy changes to benefit people with disabilities. However at the meeting there was a lot of interest in getting various towns' Commissions on Disability together. Boston recently did a project called "Streetscapes" in which they hired interns to survey curb cuts in the city, and found 532 to be out of compliance with AAB rules.	The Consortium will set up a Yahoo group as a place to exchange ideas and information. They are looking for one more moderator for this group.	Ben will consider whether he could fulfill this role.
ADA and Transition Plan	Susan has learned that Winchester recently got its ADA plan done.	What did it take? What are the results expected or achieved? How did they do it? Was it worth the effort?	Susan will call the chair of the Winchester Commission on Disability with questions.

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Walkways	Lotte called Maureen Valente to ask what Sudbury is working on now with regard to disability issues, and how can the Commission on Disability help. Through her assistant Mary McCormack, Maureen suggested that Lotte tell Kris her concerns, and Kris and Maureen can speak.	<p>The Commission on Disability would like to know what the plans are for walkways in town, and how can the Commission help?</p> <p>What are the plans for Town Hall and how can we help be sure that the plans meet requirements under the ADA and AAB?</p> <p>In general, what is on the agenda for the planning board?</p>	<p>Kris will ask Bill Place about walkways.</p> <p>Susan will call the Planning Board chair and send a memo to all with what she has learned. Lotte will be her backup.</p> <p>Susan will speak with Jim Kelly about what is on the slate for construction for 2010.</p>
Momentum	Because the Commission on Disability only meets once a month, momentum can be lost between meetings. People sometimes don't follow up on their assignments.	How can we keep the ball rolling between meetings?	While we cannot give feedback to each other between meetings, members could send e-mails out reporting on their progress on assignments.
Rugged Bear Plaza	This shopping area presents many barriers to mobility; for example, when one store puts a rack of coats out on their sidewalk, a wheelchair cannot get past. All the doors open out, and the sidewalk is so narrow that again, passage is blocked.	<p>What can the Commission on Disability do about such problems?</p> <p>An intensive survey, preceded by letters and an offer to help store owners correct problems would be a good idea. Could we hire student interns to help?</p>	
Annual Report	Each Board, Department and Commission/Committee must submit an annual report for inclusion in the Sudbury Annual Report document. The narrative covers the calendar year; the fiscal report covers the most recently completed fiscal year.	<p>Susan distributed a draft of the narrative.</p> <p>When the report is complete, each member of the Commission must sign it.</p>	<p>Members are asked to review it, give Susan feedback, and she will e-mail it to Mark Thompson.</p> <p>The report will be available to sign at the Senior Center, except that Peter will need to get it at his house.</p>

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<b>Next meeting</b>	The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center (no meeting in December). Further meetings will be: February 23, March 30, April 27, May 25, and June 29 (last Tuesday of each month).		

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