

## Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, January 25, 2011; 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair, Susan Stocker, Lotte Diomede, Jackie Kilroy, Peter Sargent, Debra Galloway

Absent: Dina Johnson

Guests: None

<b>Next meeting</b>	Tuesday, To be Determined either: February 15 or March 1, 7:00 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	The minutes of the Tuesday, December 7, 2010 meeting were accepted as submitted (except for a spelling correction).		
<b>Old Business</b>			
Publicity	Discussion about publicity for SCOD and especially for Commission vacancies, included: reaching out to Sudbury Special Ed. Advisory Council. Also, placing notices on bulletin boards at Town Hall, Senior Center/Atkinson Pool library, Post Office, ATM machines, dentist offices, Sudbury Pharmacy, Sudbury cable, Sudbury Farms, Jewish Center for Families with Disabilities, coffee shops, Longfellow Glen, Musketahquid Village, hair salons. Press releases to : Wayside Inn magazine, the Patch, Action Unlimited, Boston Central, Crier.	All agreed we need to get articles to newspapers and create flyer for bulletin boards.	Peter will update recruitment article and send to Susan and Lotte. It will then be sent to the various newspapers listed. Susan and Dina will work on a half-sheet flyer to be posted.
Braille signs at all schools	Lotte reports that she is scheduled to meet with Rae at Loring School on Friday to do Braille survey. Susan	Lotte suggested we begin to call the schools and ask them if we can help them to correct any issues that were	Lotte plans to go to Loring School and survey the Braille signage on

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	offered to be a backup if Lotte cannot make it. There was discussion about follow up with schools that have already been surveyed.	found. We can find out if they have made corrections or if they are having difficulty doing so.	Friday. Susan will act as backup.
Parking Surge	<p>Susan reports that we received a copy of November police report on parking details, but have not received the December report. Jackie is waiting for more information in order to put information into spreadsheet and examine trends – such as where and when do most tickets occur.</p> <p>Financial reports need to be reviewed by the Commission members.</p>	Also, there was interest in whether the police check to see if people are using their own handicapped placard. In November, they did not have any tickets for this infraction.	<p>Susan will speak with Chief MacLean to ask for December detail report.</p> <p>Debra will bring financial reports to bring to the next meeting.</p>
<b>New Business</b>			
Accessible Sudbury-Restaurants	<p>Peter brought the Acton Commission on Disability’s “Guide to Accessible Dining” booklet to the meeting, dated 2002. There was discussion about how to proceed with the development of the guide.</p> <p>Susan had called Brenda Viola of Acton COD who helped to create the guide. Brenda is mailing her a copy of it which may be newer than Peter’s. Susan noted that Brenda indicated that they asked permission of the restaurants twice, once to do a survey</p>	<p>Questions: Will the Town be comfortable with the idea of a guide? Will the Town and does the SCOD feel comfortable with allowing “advertising”, i.e. menus/coupons, in the guide? Would allowing menus/coupons complicate the process of putting the guide together, i.e. difficulty with desktop publishing using menus and coupons from many different restaurants.</p>	<p>Susan will put together a draft of the survey/list of questions to be used to assess accessibility and share with Lotte.</p> <p>Lotte will talk with a sampling of restaurant owners to gauge interest in participating in the guide.</p> <p>Further discussion will occur at a future meeting.</p>

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	<p>of accessibility and again for permission to publish.</p> <p>There was discussion about the size and scope of the guide. It could be a large sheet with a list of restaurants and accessibility facts. It could be a booklet more like Acton's. Or it could be a more detailed booklet that includes menus, and possibly coupons for the restaurants who participate, with a request to participating restaurants to contribute to cost.</p>	<p>It was decided the plan for this idea needs to become more detailed before we bring it to Maryanne Bilodeau, Asst. Town Manager for discussion about any Town concerns.</p> <p>How many guides do we need to publish? Lotte shared that the State Dept. of Disability estimates that 18% of the population of a town has some sort of disability. We may use this information to help in our estimation.</p>	
Guest Speaker	<p>Susan has arranged for Jeff Dougan to be a guest at our next meeting. Unfortunately, the currently scheduled date is a conflict for several members.</p>		<p>Debra will email members to gauge the possibility of changing next meeting to either February 15 or March 1. Susan will contact Jeff Dougan to reschedule.</p> <p>Debra will compile a list of questions for Mr. Dougan.</p> <p>A plan was made to bring pizza and drinks to next meeting. Lotte will arrange to pick up pizza and Debra soda/water. All members will contribute to cost.</p>
Resources	<p>A question was raised about exercise equipment donation for person with disabilities. A few resources were mentioned including "Pay It Forward" on the Cape.</p>	<p>It was suggested that Pay It Forward be added to a resource list to be put on our website.</p>	<p>Debra will place this on the website.</p>

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Adjourn		The group voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.	
<b>Next meeting</b>	The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15 or March 1 at 7:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center. Further meetings will be: March 22 (last Tuesday of each month).		

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