

**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 2, 2012**

**Attendants:** Anna Wood, Lotte Diomedede, Peter Sargent, Jackie Kilroy, Stephen Parker

**Approval of Minutes from February 2012:**

Motion to Approve: Anna

Second Motion: Peter

**Vote In New Member:** Stephen Parker

Unanimous Vote to have Stephen join the Commission.

Lotte has Stephen's paperwork and will drop it off with the town for approval.

**School Braille Project:**

**The project is complete!** All packets with a cover letter and report outlining findings have been sent to each Principal at each school. An additional packet was sent to the Superintendent with copies of all school reports.

**Next Steps:** we will write a follow up letter that we will send to the schools in June. Anna will make a rough draft for next meeting.

**Restaurant Project:**

We will work more on the restaurant project starting next month now that the Braille project is complete. Lotte will resend all papers and documents that we have made so far to all Commission members for review. Members are asked to make any changes to these documents and bring any ideas or recommendations for moving forward to the next meeting at the end of April.

Lotte will try to set up a time with Town Management to meet and review the project for approval. We are not sure when this meeting will be but we would like multiple members in attendance to represent the project.

**ADA Regulations for Recreation Facilities:**

New law was put into place on March 15, 2012 that states that all recreation facilities, including field spaces, must be accessible. This includes paths, parking lots and spaces, entrances, inclines, etc.

Lotte is talking with the town management and Nancy McShea, Park and Recreation Director, about how the Commission can help in making sure that the town is in compliance. Anna recommended that the town get in touch with Jeff Dugan at the MA Office on Disability for consultation and recommendations for moving forward.

Discussion about Commission's role in this project- all feel that this is something that the town management needs to lead and Commission can assist where applicable.

Peter Sargent stated that the Commission did a project like this about a year and a half ago and the documents were lost before the report was turned in to town Officials. Jody Kablack was part of this project as well as Susan Stocker and David Mortimer. Peter is going to look through all of his folders and emails and send anything that he can find relating to this project.

**Parking Law Monies:**

There was a law that was going through congress that was attempting to take the money collected from handicapped parking violations away from local Commission on Disabilities. This law was vetoed. Monies will continue to remain with local Commission on Disabilities in the respective towns where the tickets were given.

**Electric Door Openers: Park and Recreation Department**

Nancy McShea submitted a proposal/request to the Commission to help fund the installation of electric door openers at the Recreation Department. The total project is estimated around \$23,000. The Recreation Department is not looking for total funding.

The Commission has decided that we will talk more about what we could allot to this project. Commission is considering funding around \$1,000.

Before the money is given to the Recreation Department, the Commission wants to see the blue prints of the plan to review the accessible features of the installation. Once the project is underway, the Commission will give the Department money but not until then.

Discussion again about this project and the amount of money we could give will happen at the next meeting. Lotte will scan and send the proposal submitted to all Commission Members for viewing before the next meeting.

**Press Release:**

Peter and Anna collaborated to write a press release about the Scholarship Program. The article highlighted the Adaptive Sports and Recreation Program as well as the Commission on Disability. Peter sent the article to the Town Crier, the Sudbury Patch. He will send it to the Metrowest Daily news and the TV station this week.

Peter will start to write an article about the finalized Braille project that was just done as well.

**New Business:**

Stephen Parker would like for the Commission to start getting involved with the issue of available transportation here in town for community members with disabilities. Stephen mentioned that Concord has access to the RIDE which Sudbury does not. The senior center has a van which is great and brings people to appointments. Stephen would like to see at least one more of these vans available to community members if not something bigger and better.

We would like to start looking into the issue of transportation in town and see if there is anything we can do to help people get from place to place. Need to research if the town puts money into any sort of transportation system: MBTA or Metrowest transportation?

**Next Meeting:**

April 26<sup>th</sup>

May 31<sup>st</sup>

June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Adjourn:**

9:00pm