

Sudbury Commission on Disability

2/16/2012

Meeting Minutes – Draft

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair at 7:00pm

Present: Lotte Diomede, Anna Wood, Peter Sargent, Susan Stocker, Jackie Kilroy

Absent: Dina Johnson

Guests: Steve Parker, Peter Schaer

1. Approval of minutes:

- a. December, 12, 2011 Minutes approved.

2. Introductions:

- a. Peter Schaer
- b. Steve Parker

3. Old Business:

- a. Braille Project – All reports except Nixon are done. Ray (sighted volunteer who reads Braille) will revisit Nixon. Lincoln-Sudbury High School has replaced 100 signs and will be revisited by Ray, and then the report will be updated. Lotte will send reports to the superintendent and principals.
- b. Scholarship Program – Approved by Selectmen to spend \$2500 of Commission funds to provide full or partial scholarships to kids or adults for Sudbury Adaptive programs. Anna has already received one application for a scholarship. Lotte signs the vouchers and Park & Recs invoices the Commission for reimbursement.
- c. Restaurant Project – Approximately 35 local restaurants to be reviewed for accessibility, and a Guide to be printed. An action plan is being developed which will include: a letter to the restaurants, project plan, spreadsheet, FAQs. Anna will send final versions to Commissioners. Final approval of the project to be

voted at the next meeting. In April, we will invite the Town Manager to a Commission meeting with hopes of achieving buy-in.

- d. Member paperwork – Reminder to Commissioners to submit proper paperwork. The Commission **VOTED** to approve Peter Shaer as a new member to the Commission on Disability.
- e. Police Details – Unlike previous details, this time the Sudbury police did not keep records of tickets the written for the HP parking enforcement details the Commission hired last December/January. The Commission wishes to find out: how many tickets were written, what the violations were, and where the tickets were written in order to determine the value of this program. Lotte and Jackie will try to straighten this out.

4. New Business

- a. News and Press Releases – The press release soliciting new members was successful in attracting several new members to the Commission. Future releases will focus on the Scholarship Program and the Braille project wrap-up. The State’s SHINE program (which explains health insurance information to seniors and disabled people on Medicare) is another potential topic.
- b. Electric Door Openers at the pool – Nancy McShea will write up a request for a grant from the Commission to buy electric door openers for the Atkinson pool. Estimated cost is approximately \$2500. There may also be partial funding from the Sudbury Foundation.

5. Next Meeting:

April 2, 2012 at 7 pm in the Senior Center.

6. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Stocker