

Meeting Minutes-DRAFT
Thursday, September 27th
Meeting Starts: 7:02 pm

Attendees: Anna Wood, Peter Sargent, Stephen Parker, Lotte Diomede

Not in Attendance: Jackie Kilroy, Dina Johnson, Peter Shaer

Guests: Renee Bordner

Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the April 26, 2012 meeting

- Lotte motioned to approve.
- Peter seconds.
- Minutes approved.

Membership

New Guest:

Renee Bordner: new community member who moved here from Pennsylvania. Renee is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist who has a lot of experience working with people with disabilities. In the past, Renee has worked with the geriatric population, psych, multiple disabilities, mental retardation, people with chemical dependency, and adjudicated youth. Renee also worked for the federal government regulating facilities and "institutions". She comes to the commission with a lot of background and experience and hopes to be able to share her knowledge with the Commission and town moving forward. She plans to attend more meetings and would like to join the Commission as a new member.

Other Members and guests:

- Jen was not at the meeting tonight to voter her in so the Commission will take her off the agenda until she is able to attend meetings again.
- Anna brought Open Meeting Law receipts for membership to sign.
- Susan Stocker has resigned. We thank her for her years of service and commitment.
- Jackie and Dina have a lot going on in their personal lives and emailed Lotte to say that they may not be able to remain on the Commission. We will wait to see what they want to do.
- The Commission needs a Secretary and a Treasurer.
 - Peter volunteered to be the Secretary
 - Commission voted YES to this. Unanimous.
 - Anna will send Peter the agenda template and she will continue to post the agendas and minutes on the town website.
 - Steve volunteered to be the interim Treasurer until a new member joins that wants to do this.
 - Commission voted YES to this. Unanimous.
 - Anna will send Steve the documents that we currently have for vouchers and invoices.
 - Lotte will ask Jackie if she has any information/documents that should be passed onto Steve.

Old Business

Braille Press Release:

- Peter has not submitted the press release yet. He wanted to confirm in person with the Commission that all the information was accurate. The members like the article and believe that

it is ready for print. Peter will send the article to the local papers and also email the school Principal's and superintendent to let them know there is going to be an article out.

- Peter will also email the Commission.
- Anna will post the article on the Commission website.

Electric Door Openers:

- The electric door openers at the Recreation Department are installed and working great.
- In April, the Commission approved \$2,500 to contribute to the installation cost but stated that the money would not be given to the Department until the project was complete to assure that the funds did not sit stagnant.
- Now that the doors are in, the Commission is happy to give the Department the money.
- Anna will call Accounting and see how this should be done- via voucher or donation process.

Restaurant Project:

- Anna passed out the project timeline, restaurant grid, and restaurant letters.
- Anna also brought the documents that were sent to the Commission by the Acton Commission on Disability as a reference.
- The Commission plans to dedicate the October meeting to 100% finalizing our project timeline as well as all other project pieces so we are ready to present the idea/project to Town Management for approval to proceed.
- Once we do this in October, Lotte will reach out to Management and see when we can pitch the project to them.
- Anna will be emailing out the letters and charts for members to review by October.

New Business

Press Releases:

- Braille article will be sent to papers on 9/28/12
- Upcoming articles: Peter will rerun the article about the Adaptive Sports and Recreation program scholarships.

Transportation:

- The Commission is interested in learning more about the transportation program that the Town pays into.
- Steve believes it is the Metro west Transportation Authority.
- Steve proposes that we invite the MTA Administrator to a Commission meeting to discuss what they offer the town and its residents.
 - Interested in hearing what the Town's plan entails
 - Interested in hearing if there are other plans available
- Commission discussed that if we can get a representative to come, we would like to film the meeting/presentation so those that live in town who want to learn more about transportation (and cannot get to the meeting) can see the presentation.
- Commission would like to invite this person to come in November or December 2012.
- Lotte will be reaching out to the MTA about this.

New Business Moving Forward:

Veterans:

- Steve is interested in knowing more about the local Veteran's Association and if there are Veterans with disabilities living in town.

Wayland Public Library Speaker Series:

- Anna brought in some information about disability based speakers that will be coming to the Wayland Public Library.
- Commission discussed looking into the possibility of doing something like this at the Sudbury Town Library in the future.

Site Plans:

- Commission received two site plans for new buildings in town
 - Northern Bank and Trust
 - Buddy Dog
- The packets are just now being looked at but Peter, who works for an architectural firm, will look at the plans and respond to the town's committees that also received the information thanking them for including the Commission.
- The Commission appreciates getting these documents and will continue to review them whenever possible.

Next Meeting Dates:

1. October 25, 2012
2. November 29, 2012
3. December 20, 2012

Adjourn:

9:10pm