

Commission On Disability - Minutes
Sept. 8, 2008
Natick Police Station

Called to Order: 6:10 PM

Present: Joan Sherizen, Sue Fitzgerald, Linda Bernfeld, Ken Chernack, Jen Harnish, John MacGillivray

Absent: Ron Ordway

Minutes: of 7/14/08 meeting - Accepted

Correspondence:

- 1) ADA Compliance Guide
- 2) Community Economic Dev Assistance – Info on home modifications for elderly and disabled (re loans, ramps etc.)
- 3) Architectural Access Board – variance request at Novell
- 4) Boston Globe – article from 8/10/08 – software firm developed games for disabled
- 5) Access Advisory Committee to MBTA – 30 yr anniversary
- 6) Email from Watertown re their COD website
- 7) Use statute as guide to expand COD role in community

Treasurer's Report:

- 1) John has the report – we have acct, but still don't know where HP \$ goes currently
- 2) Also check how and when (and how much) we spent on hockey rink doors

Commission Operations and Support:

- 1) Suggested projects as fund raisers and to raise awareness
- 2) Assess restaurants as to accessibility
- 3) Publicize the hiring of the police for fines – publicity up front

New Business:

- 1) John will have them fix our Committee name on the town website
- 2) John will ask Pat Ruffert and Mike Melchiorri to attend our meetings occasionally
- 3) John wants to train town employees about issues concerning the disabled

- 4) Would like a special section on bulletin board in Library for brochures, etc. for the disabled

Miscellaneous:

- 1) Reminder – John M. is trying to put together a master list of contact info for all members of COD – Please forward your info to him, asap.
- 2) Martha White attended 9/8/08 meeting as guest
 - a) COD has some goals for the year
 - b) COD has money and new fines to put to use in Natick
 - c) Would like to post meeting minutes to website, eventually
 - d) Need to assess compliance of town facilities (esp recreational) – state has checklists that we could use
 - e) There will be a new recreational area on Speen St – we need to provide input, before they finalize plans

Adjourn: 7:42 PM

Please note change of date and venue:

Next meeting will be Oct 6, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Natick Senior Center at 117 East Central Street