Acton Commission on Disability

Minutes

September 13, 2007

Members Present: J. Feasel, L. Franklin, J. Nigro, B. Viola, **Others Present:** Joy Kohout, Acton Resident

Meeting Called to order at 7:15

Lisa explained to Joy the work of the Commission and the process for joining.

Treasurer's Report: Our budget for FY'08 is $1545. Funds that were allocated last spring for the Dining Guide will be taken out of this year's budget. The total amount allocated is $890.
The funds allocated to print the Disaster Planning Guide, $259, will also be taken out of FY'08 funds.

Minutes: June Minutes corrected as follows: 250 Disaster Planning Guides @ $1.036 ea will be ordered. Motion to accept June minutes as corrected approved.

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CAM Training: John and Kirstin, John's PCA, are planning to participate in the CAM training. Lisa will give them registration information. Motion to allocate $100 for CAM registration was approved. We are also forwarding CAM information to Kathy Fochtman, Recreation Director.

Restaurant Reviews: Beatriz completed her survey of Tobiko and forwarded the summary to Brenda to include in the guide.

Oktoberfest: Date is October 13th, 10AM to 4PM. Suggestion to have a volunteer sign up sheet at Oktoberfest of individuals who might assist the Commission with projects, etc. We can also recommend that they contact the Volunteer Coordinating Committee (VCC) of the Town. We will also have the Disability Quiz, and will give out candy. We will also bring issues of "Disability Issues" and "Dogs for Disability", the Federations "Newsline". Lisa has reserved a spot with Oktoberfest committee.

Possible Book Purchase: We have information about a new book, "The Special Needs Planning Guide: How to Prepare for Every Stage of Your Child's Life". A motion to provide the library with information about this book for possible purchase was approved.

New Mobility Magazine: Our subscription is running out in October. A motion was approved to renew the subscription for one year for $27.95.

Parking for Elections: Parking was a major problem during the last major election, with not enough parking for people with disabilities. A motion was approved to send a letter to Eva Taylor the Town Clerk and Acton Police Dept to ensure that Handicapped parking guidelines are enforced.

Acton Public Schools: Mass Rehab is developing a "Turning 22" Guide and Series of Workshops. Transitioning is a priority now at the Health and Human Services agencies within Massachusetts.

Community Awareness: There was a discussion about awareness heightening in general and ideas for ways we could get more publicity.

Election of Officers: The job description of the chairperson was reviewed and there was general discussion of responsibilities of chair

Slate:
Chair: Jean Nigro
Vice Chair: Lisa Franklin
Secretary: Brenda Viola
Treasurer: Janet Feasel

The slate was voted on and approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:20