

**Acton Commission on Disability  
Minutes  
August 13, 2009**

**Members Present:** Lisa Franklin, Gordon Lagrow and Brenda Viola.

Meeting was called to order at 7: 15 pm.

**June Minutes were reviewed and accepted as written. There was no meeting in July.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COD Charter:** At Town meeting, the Board of Selectman approved that the COD Charter be decreased to 7 members with 3 members as a quorum.

**Variance at 436 Great Road:** The AAB did not approve the variance of the sauna. The owners failed to prove impracticability. They were denied a hearing.

**COD Brochures:** Members approved \$100. to purchase paper for reprinting of brochures.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Acton Day at NARA Park:** Sponsored by the Recreation Dept., held on Sat. September 12<sup>th</sup>. A suggestion was made to have a table to promote awareness and distribute brochures.

**Projects Ideas for 2010:**

- Transition Information Meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- *\*Newspaper articles*
- Cable television commercial or message board
- *\*"Transportation Guide" in collaboration with TAC*
- Recreate a Friends of the Commission on Disabilities group
- Updating the Accessible Dining Guide
- *\*People with Disabilities Survey (census)*
- Attend a meeting of the Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce

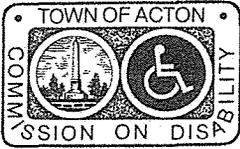
*\*Members approved these projects*

**Oktoberfest:** Theme this year will be Service Animals

Lisa will call NEADS for volunteer dogs and owners. Gordon will call Especially for Pets for donations. He will see if he can get copies of Service Animal Laws and Rights. Brenda will do a poster.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Viola, Secretary



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**ACTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

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Michael Rosenfeld, The Office of Michael Rosenfeld, Inc, Architects  
Mathias Rosenfeld, New Habitat Partners, LLC  
543 Massachusetts Avenue  
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June 18, 2009

Dear Mathias Rosenfeld,

Thank you for attending our meeting on June 11, 2009 to present the design proposal for the West Acton Village Ecology development project. We were impressed that the design includes many accessible features in the refurbished historical buildings (studio/offices/retail), the new buildings (performance/gallery/retail), parking areas, parking garage, redesigned playground, main street parking and sidewalks, etc.

Since the design is still in its preliminary stages, we would desire to remain in contact to ensure both our goals of accessibility throughout this West Acton development project.

We commend your efforts to re-vitalize West Acton to become a model community for universal design and one we can be proud of again.

Respectfully,

Brenda Viola, Secretary  
Acton Commission on Disability