

MINUTES

ACTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY – February 12, 2004

Present: John Brako, Janet Feasel, Lisa Franklin, Ed Leary, Jean Nigro, Garry Rhodes, Brenda Viola

The meeting was called to order at 7:26 pm. James Eldridge was to attend this evening's meeting, but because of legislative commitments was not available. His visit will be rescheduled.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved with the following additions:

- Voting was done to purchase an adapted swing for the playground behind the library with the WAMBPA gift. Janet will arrange to get a PO written.
- The Universal Trail project will be initiated in the spring.

Old Business:

- Gift of Allison Gallagher: This was a gift to be used for the NARA Park Video. However it was not accepted by the Board of Selectmen. In order for the Commission to utilize the funds, the gift must first be accepted. At this time, this video project is not on our agenda. We need to determine whether Ms. Gallagher wants to make the donation to us anyway, in which case we would have to pursue its acceptance by the board. Brenda will contact Allison Gallagher for further information. *
- Universal Trail: Lisa will contact Deborah Kraus at the Perkins School to approach her about initiating the Universal Trail as a joint venture. Ed will contact Kathy Hatfield of the Friends of the Arboretum. Kathy will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss this project.
- Palmer Kennels. Progress is slow. There are no updates.
- Dining Guides: Visits have been done to two new sites, Subway and O'Naturals. However information on those sites has not been written up. Because all the original dining guides have been distributed, additional copies are needed. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of having additional copies of the original guides made up. Jean will get prices.
- Library Video Series: This project will be postponed until the weather is better.
- COD Summary for Quarterly Mailing: A draft summary was reviewed. It was felt that the summary should include summarized information from

our website with our web address and an invitation for people to contact us.

New Business:

- George Lussier resigned from the commission in January.
- SpedPac: The SpedPac has a website, www.abspedpac.org. We will try to investigate creating a link to our website from theirs. Lisa will invite representatives of the SpedPac to our meetings.
- Web Site: Our website is up and running. Brenda will find out how to add minutes and agendas of our meetings.
- Publicity: Brenda will contact the Beacon and Action Unlimited to share information about the Commission, e.g. our Website, accessible features at the library, James Eldridge visit. Brenda will also update the bulletin board to include this information.
- We have received a notice requesting a summary of commission activities for the town's annual report. Garry will determine whether the deadline has passed for submission. If not, we will prepare something for submission.

*Subsequent to this meeting, it was determined that Ms. Gallagher's gift was accepted by the Board of Selectmen in January of 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Nigro
Secretary