

**Town of Acton
Commission on Disability
July 8, 2010
Acton Town Hall, Faulkner Room 204
7:00 pm**

Members Present: Daniel Factor, Lisa Franklin, Chair, Joy Kohout (absent) and Brenda Viola, Secretary.

Others Present: Mike Gowing, Board of Selectman Liaison and ~~Kevin Goodwin~~ *Paul Truel*

The Meeting was called to order by Chair, Lisa Franklin at 7:40 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes from June 10th approved with corrections. Lisa and Brenda to schedule a meeting with Joy to review and approve May 1st minutes.

April AAB Hearing Meeting: tabled until next meeting

Transportation Guide: No new information at this time. Will discuss further at next meeting.

WAVE (West Acton Village Ecology) Meeting: Mike Gowing attended the meeting. He recapped the information presented by Mathias Rosenfeld of New Habitat Partners regarding the beginning of the Phase 1 project. The Application for Variances is now in process.

Acton Housing Authority Meeting: Lisa attended the meeting concerning Macarthy Village II on July 15th. She informed us that 12 additional low income units are being added of which one is handicapped accessible.

Open Meeting Law: We reviewed page 10 of the OML Guide concerning creating, maintaining, approving and disclosing meeting records. Brenda will email the minutes within ten days of their approval to the Town Clerk and Manager.

Disability Policy Consortium (DPC) Regional Meeting: Lisa attended the meeting on June 29th. Lisa presented the information given as follows: The DPC is a volunteer organization of disability activists that represent all disabilities. It is the only statewide cross-disability organization in the Commonwealth and was originally started as a unified protest against a proposal to combine the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Massachusetts Commission on the Blind, (then) Department of Mental Retardation and Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing into one organization. As a Non Government Organization, they are able to tackle problems and policies that the Massachusetts Office on Disabilities cannot officially weigh in on.