

**Acton Commission on Disability
Minutes
January 10, 2008**

Members Present: J. Brako, L. Franklin, B. Maimone, J. Nigro, B. Viola, **Others Present:** K. Bell.

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

November Minutes were reviewed (December Meeting was cancelled) and accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Started the fiscal year with \$1,545. We have had one expenditure of \$1,149. on 10-11-07, leaving a balance of \$396. There is \$1,049.47 in the Gift Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

The League of Women Voters Discussion on November 14th : Feedback from discussion was unavailable due to Joy's absence tonight. We will discuss at next meeting.

Lion's Club Collaboration: Representation from Lion's Club, Eric has not contacted us again. Lisa will reconnect with him. The Lion's club was trying to identify people with disabilities to assist.

Dining Guides: We received two emails responses from sending out samples of the Accessible Dining Guides. One from Linda Kiernan, Director of Activities at The Inn at Robbins Brook. The other, from Terrie Enis, Outpatient Rehab Manager of the Emerson Hospital Outpatient Rehabilitation Center. Terrie has requested additional copies of the guide to distribute to their patients. We approved that 2 guides be sent to Robbins Brook and 10 to Emerson.

At the next printing of the dining guide, we should investigate getting some of them in large-print.

Disability Indicator Program: More Information on the disability indicator program is available online at The Official Website of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPS). There are two forms available at www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/setb/disability_form.pdf , Disability Indicator Form Important Information and Instructions and 9-1-1 Disability Indicator Form-Individual Record. These forms are also available at the Acton Public Safety Facility. Once completed, they are submitted to the Acton Public Safety Facility. From there, the form is sent for entry into the 911 Verizon Database. These are important confidential documents and are stored in the same manner as all municipal records.

Accessible Parking at Quill & Press: Brenda will contact Garry Rhodes again concerning the lack of marked accessible parking spaces since she did not hear back from him.

Volunteers: Lisa to call COA to ask how they CORI and pool volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Report: Jean submitted a draft of the Annual Report for 2007. It was reviewed and approved.

Application for Variance 12-14-07/ Decision of AAB 1-8-08 for the Acton Family Dental Care, Inc: Documents were reviewed and discussed. The variance was being requested based upon the historical significance of the building at 273-277 Central Street and technical issues of installing a wheelchair platform lift. An interior stairway chairlift was being proposed to access the second floor. The AAB denied the request for the reason that impracticability has not been proven.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Viola,
Secretary