

**Acton Commission on Disability
Minutes
April 8, 2010**

Members Present: John Brako, Lisa Franklin, Joy Kohout, Gordon Lagrow and Brenda Viola.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

January minutes were reviewed and approved as written. There were no meetings or minutes for February and March.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Charter: The COD Town Charter was approved at election.

HP Parking Violation Fines: Christine Joyce is the Parking Clerk who collects fines. It is reported that she feels an increase in the current fine of \$25 would be difficult in this economy. We voted to write a letter to Steve Ledoux concerning Mass RMV increase.

Acton Family Dental Care Variance for Ramp: AAB granted the variance for the reason of that impracticability has been proven in this case. The request for the variance was filed on 3-3-10. The application was heard by the Board on 3-22-10. The memo of the decision is dated 3-29-10. We reviewed the variance and the Board's decision. Upon discussion, we were disappointed with the Board's decision. We voted and approved to appeal the Board's decision by filing a Request For Adjudicatory Hearing. Brenda will complete and mail form.

Disability Census: Aniko Laszlo, MBA, MA, Project Director II, Center for Health Policy and Research from UMass Medical School (aniko.laszlo@umassmed.edu) will analyze the information. She will create a spreadsheet to provide us with a wide range of variables. She will determine a fee for her services that we can use from our budget.

Transportation Guide: Information needs to be compiled with the Acton Transportation Commission for use of citizens who cannot drive. Useful information, such as, how to use taxi system will be included.

NEW BUSINESS

Psychiatric Needs: Lisa is meeting next Wednesday with Merilee Evdomikoff, RN, Doug Halley, Health Dept, Laura Ducharme, LSW. Lisa has been receiving calls concerning people with psychiatric and mental health needs.

Acton Nursing Service: There was discussion at the recent Town Meeting not supporting the continued need for a Town Nursing Service. The BOS will be reexamining the need for the Town's Nursing Service. We support the Nursing Service as they provide a necessary service to citizens. We agreed to notify the BOS of our desire to be involved in the decision making process as to the fate of the Nursing Service. Lisa will make the contact.

Sachem Way: Kelly Cronin is the Director of the Acton Housing Authority. Additional Low Income rental units are designated in the planning and building of Sachem Way.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Viola, Secretary