

**Town of Acton
Commission on Disability
Minutes
December 9, 2010
Acton Town Hall, Room 126
7:00 pm**

Members Present: Danny Factor, Lisa Franklin, Chair, and Brenda Viola, Secretary.
Member Absent: Joy Kohout (Excused).
Guests: Mike Gowing, Board of Selectman Liaison.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair, Lisa Franklin at 7:25 pm.

Topics:

Requests from Public: Question posed to Commission if it was a good idea for the empty building, previously the McCarthy Elementary School, could be used for the MinuteMan Arc Program. The Program may be searching for a new location. After discussion, the commission agreed that this idea was plausible but beyond our jurisdiction.

Minutes from November 10th were reviewed and approved with corrections. Minutes to be sent to new email address to clerk@acton-ma.gov and BOS@acton-ma.gov

Article for “The Beacon”: Lisa presented a newspaper article she has written for “The Beacon” about the Awards Ceremony held on December 3rd. The article was reviewed, edited and approved. Lisa will submit it with a photograph.

Review of Award Ceremony:

- Check with Senior Center for conflicting event
- letter and Certificate from Jamie Eldridge made it even more special
- Room at the Library was appropriate size and atmosphere
- inviting their employer was meaningful
- would have liked more people to attend, especially her riders but transportation is the issue

Disability Survey: The survey needs to be coded for data entry to be completed. Members will do the coding on the forms.

Follow up on Access Compliance and Barrier Removal:

- Moodz , need update on handicapped parking space
- Midas Auto Service (Great Road), HP Space is furthest from entrance, ramp to door needs slope checked, landing at door is not sufficient, threshold may be too high, door is difficult to open. Would like to know when building was last renovated and who is the owner.
- Idylwilde, has complied by moving the carriage return site from the access aisle in front of the entrance.

To follow up with Frank Ramsbottom on the unresolved issues.

Bylaw Proposal: HP Parking Violation Fine Increase proposal previously submitted to the BOS will be submitted to Town Counsel. When reviewed and approved, then a warrant article will be created to go before Town Meeting on April 4th.

We need to come up with some guidelines to discuss with the Town Clerk regarding HP Parking Fines.

Building Permit/Building Use: We need to check with Town Counsel and acquire a sample form from Tom.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Viola, Secretary