

**Acton Commission on Disability
Minutes
February 14, 2008**

Members Present: J. Feasel, L. Franklin, J. Nigro and B. Viola. **Guest:** Kevin Goodwin, MetroWest Consumer Council.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

January Minutes were reviewed. A correction was made to the treasurer's report noting the balance of the Gift Fund to be \$1,049.47. The minutes were then accepted with this correction.

Treasurer's Report: No expenditures.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Goodwin, MetroWest Consumer Council.

Kevin is a member of the MetroWest Consumer Council from the Natick Office of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). The Council supports the needs of consumers in accessing vocational rehabilitation services, independent living programs and services, disability determination services, SSI/SSDI benefits, and services in the community. They also address issues of importance to consumers in the area. The Metrowest Transportation Guide of the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) servicing 22 communities is one of their latest projects. Contact Janice Ngua 508-651-7531 for more information. An upcoming project of the Council's is Emergency Preparedness for people with disabilities.

The Metrowest Consumer Council is looking for volunteers from Acton. Anyone can be a member. You do not have to be a MRC consumer. If transportation is needed, it can be arranged through MRC.

The MetroWest Consumer Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 pm at the Natick MRC Office, located on 251 West Central Street, Suite 25. Please call if you would like to join the Council. Tels: (508) 651-7531 (617) 727-6208.

OLD BUSINESS

The League of Women Voters Meeting on Voting Access : Tabled discussion of parking at recent election until next meeting.

Lion's Club Collaboration: Postponed further discussion until contact is re-established

NEW BUSINESS

Application for Variance for the Acton Family Dental Care, Inc: Tabled decision to respond to variance after more information is gathered. Date of new hearing is 3-24-08.

Interim Building Inspector: Frank Ramsbottom is the new Interim Building Inspector. It is unclear whether he is assuming the role as the COD's liaison.

Comprehensive Community Plan: The COD has nominated Lisa as our representative to the Comprehensive Community Plan Task Force.

Phone and E-Mail List: The member's list has been updated. The new email list will be sent to IT for our COD email.

NOTICE:

Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council and The ARC of Massachusetts
30th Annual Legislative Reception
Wednesday, March 19, 2008
10:30 am to 12 noon
Grand Staircase Hall
The State House
Boston

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Viola,
Secretary