

Notes June 2014  
MINUTES  
TOWN OF ACTON  
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES (COD)  
JUNE 17, 2014

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Members Present: Steve Baran, Danny Factor, Lisa Franklin,  
Madeleine Harvey, Cindy Patton

Members Absent:

Associate Members Present:

Associate Members Absent: Leslie Johnson, , Wen Li

Guests: Franny Osman (BOS liaison), Claire Harlow (organizational  
consultant), Doug Halley (Acton Dept Public Health)

Call to Order: 9:30 am

Citizen concern:

Anonymous citizen told Danny chapel at Woodlawn cemetery is not  
accessible – Danny will investigate.

Minutes from May: Motion made to accept with corrections by Lisa,  
Second by Steve, unanimous

**Announcements:**

Lisa spoke to Jeff Dugan of Mass Office on Disability(MOD), about  
having an ADA training session for Steve Ledoux. Jeff suggested that  
Acton host training for ADA coordinators. MOD generally recommends  
that the ADA coordinators training is more appropriate than

Community Access Monitor training. The COD agreed that Lisa speak to Steve about the possibility of this training.

Transition between 2 co-chairs to one chair and a vice chair. Lisa and Mady said 2 chairs is not working well at this time. Everything needs to be coordinated by two people which allows the possibility of a problem with Open Meeting Law. Danny proposed that authority should be shared between the chair and vice-chair . Motion Cindy, Lisa sec, unanimous

Motion that Cindy Patton be elected Clerk. Lisa, moved, Danny, seconded, unanimous.

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**Doug Halley – Acton Health Department – Discuss Acton Nursing Agency** We want Acton citizens to get good quality care. Medicare keeps lowering the amount of money they reimburse. Patient load is being lowered Some people are covered under insurance but not covered for homecare. We need take care of the people, but we have to be good to the people in Acton. We are having a group from Conn analyzing the Nursing Agency and giving a report to BOS by first meeting in August.

We need to look at the responsible

Navigated health care into the home

WE want to focus on prevention for people who are well – i.e. we want to keep them from falling

\$600,000 Acton budget for nursing service versus \$ 90,000,000 of total town budget (including schools)

We need to get better at letting Acton citizens know about the nursing service

What can the COD do? – report at the August 11<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting – they would like us to attend – we need to give them referrals. Troubled that the BOS may not be sympathetic to the report. Report will be on DocuShare before the meeting .

## **Announcements**

Request to sign group thank you letter to Jamie Eldridge about Alternative Housing Voucher program thank you. Already done, should we send our own letter? Proposal : the first time we receive a request to add our name to an issue that we have not talked about we should have a meeting before we participate. If it is something that we have already talked about, the chair will be able to sign for the group. Motion made by Lisa and Leslie to write thank you note names of advocates Motion Danny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Unanimous.

Letter to the Beacon Written by Lisa was fabulous. Motion to move to edit subcommittee of Lisa, Cindy and Steve. Danny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa, Unanimous

457 Great Rd. Motion to accept and to send letter to Steve Ledoux with corrections. Motion Mady. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa, Unanimous.

Franny - ideas for fun activities at the retreat - bringing in a presenter to work with us on team building –expand to 2.5 hours. Motion to have Clare Ha Town Manager said the town would pay for the presenter . motion to hire Claire Harlow, Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> , Danny unanimous.

Bettina Abe of Natural Resource Department –says Steve Ledoux’s 2<sup>nd</sup> reason for taking the CAD training is that he trusts the Building department to tell him about code requirements.

Danny – Was to write a letter to the Douglas School. He would like to speak to the teachers and the principle to discuss the inaccessibility of the school. He is working the D. O’Sullivan. Motion

that Danny be given authority to do some fact finding. Mady, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa, unanimous

Danny –Citizen Complaint from Nadia Franscione about Spicepepper Garden - the HP parking is a problem. Danny has spoken to Mark. Mark Barbaradoro of Acton building department. Mark will talk to the restaurant.

Open Space and Recreation report (OSRP) – from Bettina to Danny – will be submitted soon

457 Great Road – moving the Jacuzzi to first floor no need for a hearing

Documents( on docushare)

June announcements

Chart on paradigm differences between traditional Vocational Rehabilitation approach and that of Independent Living approach

**Knox Trail** – Acton Squash Club – may take some time to get the elevator licensed. Danny will continue to monitor the situation.

Retreat Lunch – do it by e-mail. Boxed lunch [www.localtable.com](http://www.localtable.com)

### **Treasurer**

2014 – \$1337.82 / \$237.17

2015 – \$1468

Motion to budget up to \$150 for retreat lunch Danny 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa,  
unanimous

Brochure – quotes from Staples \$ .69 more than 500 goes down to  
\$.59 We need to have them by October Fest

### **Summer meetings**

We might need the July meeting to get ready for BOS. In the past we have had to get ready for October Fest during the summer. Meet third Tues in July, but have a shorter meeting.

### **July Agenda**

Prepare remarks for BOS

Review objectives – see what we have done, what we need to do

Web site ,Housing, Review of the retreat, Yearly objective, List of Objectives Completed

Move elections to October

**New Member** –applicant Karen Troy will be coming to July meeting

Leslie and Lisa will be leading a discussion on Independent Living material today, – we had a short discussion on the difference between vocational rehabilitation and Independent Living

Adjourned – 12:35 pm

Documents on docushare : letter to the Beacon, letter to Town Manager, comparison chart on approaches in working with People with Disabilities