

**Acton Commission on Disability
Minutes
January 14, 2010**

Members Present: Lisa Franklin, Joy Kohout, Gordon Lagrow and Brenda Viola.
Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

December minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Avalon: The Equal Rights Center and AvalonBay Communities who own Avalon Acton settle litigation and agree to expand accessible housing. ERC is a national civil rights organization based in Washington, D.C. Under the agreement, AvalonBay will survey and remediate housing units with respect to accessible housing for PWD in Acton Avalon communities. Awaiting follow up from Frank Ramsbottom, Building Inspector concerning Avalon Acton.

LRTA: The LRTA has reinstated Monday and Friday services at the Town's request. David Scharfarz, Town Liaison to the LRTA had received a complaint from a woman who wanted to get to an early train to another town by a certain time. The LRTA stated that they don't run that early. David mentioned he has repeatedly told the BOS they need to ask the LRTA for extra hours. Another issue is that the LRTA wants to make one trip with Windsor Green to the Food Pantry which is unreasonable due to the number of people needing this service. David is setting up a meeting with the COA, COD, BOS and TAC to discuss what services we would like from the LRTA. The goal of transportation is to have a shared dispatcher for all providers for optimal services.

Disability Census: Survey is completed. The COD may have to hand count and compile the results.

NEW BUSINESS

Donelan's Supermarket HP Parking: The manager responded immediately to a customer's complaint of a HP parking violation.

HP Parking Violation Fines: Lisa will contact Eva Taylor to inquire about the cost of a parking ticket in Acton. We also need to confirm the Law concerning placard fraud and abuse. This can be looked up online. The cost of a parking ticket and laws may have changed in past few years. Lisa will also talk with Lt. Widmayer concerning placard abuse. Lisa may invite him to one of our meetings.

COD Business Cards: Lisa has proposed having more COD business cards made. She will ask Frank and Cheryl how to proceed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Viola, Secretary