

Town of Acton
Commission on Disability Minutes
October 14, 2010
Room 204

Members present: Joy Kohout, John Brako, Danny Factor, Lisa Franklin Members Absent: Brenda Viola (E)
Guests: Paul Turner (COA), Mike Gowing (BOS), Rachel Ossmann, and Anne Brako (PCA
Documents: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 September Minutes were approved unanimously with the correction that Anne Burroughs comes from the Northeast RLC The treasurer reports that the COD budget is \$ 1467.75. The group voted unanimously to reimburse Lisa \$65.50 for the cheese, crackers and cider used at the AAB training on October13.

We evaluated our participation in this year's Oktoberfest, and felt that next year we should switch from candy to a more healthy offering at our table. We also need new questions for our information "game."

Tom Hopkins and the AAB training went very well with sixteen people in attendance, and we were very pleased to see the Historic District Commission, , Exchange Hall, and the Acton Women's Club represented.

Several members of the COD were discouraged to realize that the AAB does not cover many of the situations we would like to see made accessible. This is because the AAB is essentially a building code and not a civil rights protection. We also discussed the need for the COD to "step up" and become more involved in the process of accessibility beginning with building permit application process. We will discuss this Frank Ramsbottom at our next meeting.

A motion was made and voted 3 – 0 -- 1 abstention in favor of paying for Danny to attend the Community Access Monitor training.

Mike mentioned that he met with the LRTA and told them they needed to improve their services to the Town.

In order to change the handicapped parking fine, we need to submit a change to the bylaw (chapter L pt.28) and then put it up to town Meeting in the spring we suggested changing the fine amount of \$50 to say "a fine consistent with the amount set by the State guidelines."

We need to vote on, and submit our proposal to the BOS by December1st We discussed a list of possible projects for the year. Danny suggested that we use the social gatherings as a way of getting more people involved, and that we each take charge of one of the projects.

Choosing five out of the list we will vote on the final five choices next month. Joy will call the Beacon about setting up a regular column for the COD Meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Franklin