

Town of Fairhaven Commission on Disability

Meeting Minutes 11-7-12

Meeting Opened 6:40 pm at Fairhaven Counsel on Aging

Present: Charlie Murphy  
Trina Bigham  
Anne Silvia  
Ronnie Medina  
Maria DeOliveira  
Diane Rocha  
Eugene Robert

Absent: Joseph Borelli  
Paul Schroeder  
Val DeOliveira

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Old Business

Review of June meeting minutes. Trina motioned to accept, Brian seconded, minutes accepted to record

Review September meeting minutes. Trina motioned to accept, Brian seconded, minutes accepted into record

Maria DeOliveira and Eugene Robert were welcomed as new members of the Commission.

Per the secretary, no money was spent. Charlie made motion made to keep budget the same. Trina seconded  
All voted in favor

Maria brought up concerns on handicapped accessibility at the East Fairhaven School Voting site. After group discussion Maria motioned that the Commission write a letter of concern to the selectmen. Brian seconded.

Maria announced that Val made a speech on Machado's Disease to the staff at Butler Hospital. He will present it at the January Commission Meeting at the COA

New Business

Charlie announced that there will be a special Town Meeting 12-4-12. Voting will be on variety items including money for VOKE and Town Digester

Ethics Commission Advisory Board opinion. Read, discussed and added to the minutes.  
State Ethic Commission 617-371-9500

Disability information letter received from "Second Thoughts" regarding Voting issues

Trina's program Bridges to Faith need faith companions for every church.

There will be a hearing in Boston on 1-7-13 regarding handicapped accessibility of the Manjiro Museum on at 11 Cherry Street. The building was a gift from the people of Japan. The main level is accessible, but the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor where Manjiro stayed is not.

Request made to selectmen for a handicapped parking sign in front of a private home on Sconticut Neck has been approved.

Per Maria, there are still issues with Handicapped buttons for the doors at Berger King.

Per Brian, McDonalds also may not have handicapped buttons on their doors.

Charlie will be extending an invitation to Jeff Osuch to attend our next meeting.

Also mentioned, the small spaces and handicapped allowances at mermaids restaurant

Anne is concerned about people driving through the crosswalk area in the parking lot of the COA. It is a large safety issue.

The next meeting will be held Jan.23, 2013 at the Council on Aging

7:55 Brian motioned to adjourn, Maria seconded

Respectfully Submitted  
Diane Rocha