

Fairhaven Commission on Disability Meeting June 8,2016

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Present: Charlie Murphy, Brian Rego, Ronnie Medina, Anne Silvia, Diane Rocha, Donna Lavalee, Joe Borelli,
Maria DeOliveira, Mark Lees

Absent: Trina Bigham, Val DeOliviera

Guest(s):Maria Walker

I Open Meeting 6:45

II Review of Minutes: 3-16-16 Correction made to New Business 1. The Friends of COA made the donation to Access Rec. LLC, not the Commission.

Mark made motion to accept the minutes with the correction, Brian seconded, all members voted in favor

III Treasurer's Report: Current balance is 1300 and cannot be carried over June 30th. A variety of ways to use the money was discussed.

IV Town Information:

Mark looked into costs for Automatic Door Opener (\$10,000), and shared the information with the commission. He has also ordered new handles for the Town Hall doors. Joe questioned if the doors would have flap handles. Mark will look into it. Due to the high experience, Mark will look into putting the HD door opener into the budget for next year.

V Old Business:

1. Handicapped Parking sign update – The HD sign at Duncan Donuts has been replaced

Membership (one available) Our guest Maria Walker is considering applying for the opening; Charlie explained what the Commission does and we meet 4 times a year. A copy of Commission By-Laws and booklet "Accessible Info" that was created by the Commission was shared. Maria shared her experiences working with Persons with disabilities. Joe motioned to endorse her membership on the Commission, Ronnie seconded. All voted in favor.

VI New Business:

1. On street parking procedure

* The first request has been accomplished, the commission will await future requests

2. MOD information:

- On Sept.16th MOD will hold a summit on Employment at the Boston Convention Center
- On June 15 MOD will have a regional meeting

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3. Sign Language Class

Anne has collaborated with Warren Director of the Rec. Center to do classes for the Summer Program mid-July to Aug. Adult classes will be held in Sept.

4. Beach Wheel Chair

- Mark suggested that we use the remaining money in the budget to purchase the Beach Chair. Anne said she would facilitate this through the Friends Group. Mark motioned to do this, Anne seconded, all members voted in favor.

VII Status on Disability Issues in Town:

- Per Anne Social Day Care is purchasing a Tandem Bike
- Donna suggested that we advocate for the post office to be Handicapped Accessible. Mark will speak to the Postmaster about this.

VII Closing Remarks:

- The commission does not meet in the summer. Our next meeting will be held in September

Diane made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, Ronnie seconded, All members voted in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:45. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 Wednesday September 21, 2016 at the COA

Diane motioned to adjourn, Ronnie seconded, All voted in favor, Adjourned at 7:45

Next Meeting scheduled for Wed. September 21 ,2016 6:30 at COA