

**Franklin Disability Commission**

**Minutes**

**10/2/2014**

**Meeting began at 7:00 pm**

**Present; Mary O'Neill, Chairman; Lucy Negrone Vice-Chairman; Martha Murray Clerk; Lorraine McLaughlin, Mike Furilla, Debbie Bean  
Absent; Maxine Kinhart, ADA Coordinator  
Acceptance of September meeting minutes held until November meeting, some revisions were needed.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sidewalk Obstructions and Photos; Mary spoke to Gus Brown he told Mary he needed to discuss this matter with Mr. Nutting. Photos were given to Mr. Brown, this matter is pending.**

**Disability Commission Vacancy; Mary will speak to D. Pellegrini regarding the posting of this vacancy. Mary and Lorraine referred to the fact that there may be a law requiring members of the Commission to either be disabled or, have a relative with who is. Mary will investigate this.**

**HP SIGNAGE; Mr. Brown spoke to Mary. He has been working with the owner of Star Market, Ms. Alvarez. Due to Ms. Alvarez reluctance to fix the problem the matter is being referred to Boston Mass Office of Disability. Mary has spoken to her contact at BMOD, Chris Becker. Mr. Becker may come to Franklin to investigate.**

**NEW BUSINESS;**

**Mary O'Neill is elected Chairman by a unanimous vote**

**Senior Expo; Mary represented the Commission, renting a table and offering a raffle, one of her hand made gift baskets. Mary learned about the "911 Indicator". A land line is needed and registering with**

the local police regarding your disability. This program alerts the police to your special needs when you call 911. You must update your information every 3 months. Forms can be found at the Police and Fire Department.

“Are you Okay?” program is a call and check system used by the disabled in the town of Braintree. It is run by the Sheriff’s Department. Mary picked up their flyers at the Expo and will be gathering more information on this.

Complaint; regarding narrow doorways at some business’s downtown, plans for a fieldtrip to investigate this upcoming. Debbie Bean will be checking CVS for the questionable wheelchair accessibility.

Smile project; Mary received a phone call from Ms. Lotte President of the Sudbury Smile Project. They have beach chairs for wheelchair bound people. Discussion followed on possibility of purchase of one of the chairs for Franklin. Possible raffle? Mary to follow up.

LARGE PRINT VOTER INFORMATION; Martha passed these out; Mary will bring the rest to Town Hall.

Mass Disability and FEMA Pamphlets; Passed out to all by Mary

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