TOWN OF SHEFFIELD COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Thursday, October 7, 2010 SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM 4:00 PM

Commission Members Present: Judy Steindler (chair)

Noah Parsons (vice chair)

Dave Wells [with the assistance of Nan

Wells1 (Clerk)

Laura Grunfeld

Don Perry

Absent: Maryann Hyatt

Denise Rueger

Chair Steindler called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: <u>Minutes of the Commission on Disabilities for September 16, 2010 were moved to be approved by Perry, seconded by Parsons, and unanimously accepted as written.</u>

NOVEMBER 3 DISABILITIES RESOURCES FAIR: C.O.D. continued to map out the needs to put on a successful town event. CHP will do blood pressures. We already have 25 participants signed up. More expected to come on board as we get our message out. A number of participants who will be unable to attend will get literature to us to put out on their behalf. The planned Fair is receiving much support, positive feedback, and interest.

ARTICLE NEEDED FOR SHEFFIELD TIMES: We need to let the Sheffield Community know that if there are special needs' considerations within a household that that situation can/should be put into the new 911 emergency computer system. One way we can get this new information to Sheffield residents is to include this information in a Sheffield Times' article. Grunfeld moved that Wells, working in conjunction with the Sheffield Police Department, write an article for the next issue of the Sheffield Times concerning the new 911 computer information, seconded by Perry, and unanimously so approved.

POSTERS AND NAME TAGS NEEDED: Wells volunteered to design and print posters for the Disabilities Resources Fair which can be hung throughout Sheffield

and in select spots in Great Barrington. The poster design can then be attached in the confirmation E-Mail being sent to all participants. This will allow for a

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October 7, 2010 Page 1 of 2 more thorough media blitz regarding the up and coming Resources Fair. Wells will, also, design and make name tags for all participants. Wells will donate plastic clip name tag holders to hold the name tag information.

TOWN OF SHEFFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ASKED TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN THE DISABILITIES RESOURCES FAIR: C.O.D. thought it would be a great chance for the Sheffield Police Department to get information sign- up sheets out for registering special needs on the new version of the 911 Emergency information system. It might, also, be a good time to reinforce the need to get each household to get 911 signs/house numbers up which can be seen easily from the road from both directions. Perry moved that Wells get in touch with Chief McGarry regarding staffing a table at the Disabilities Resources Fair. Perry's motion was seconded by Parsons and unanimously approved that Wells will meet with Chief McGarry.

SELECTMEN WILL ATTEND OUR NOVEMBER MEETING: The selectmen will attend our November 4 C.O.D. meeting to discuss the Town of Sheffield Web site.

STEINDLER TO ATTEND TOWN OF SHEFFIELD SELECTMENS' MEETING OCTOBER 18: Steindler has asked to be put on the Selectmens' Meeting agenda for October 19 in order to personally invite them to the Disabilities Resources Fair on November 3.

"COMMUNITY ACCESS MONITOR TRAINING SEMINAR" OCTOBER 27 and 28: Grunfeld informed and invited any C.O. D. members who would like to join her at the conference to be held in Chelmsford, MA.

OUR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 21, 2010.

AGENDA: 1. Continue planning November Disabilities Resources Fair 2. Any other business as necessary.

Wells moved to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Grunfeld, and unanimously so approved.

Steindler adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Dave Wells [assisted by Nan Wells]

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