

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD**  
**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

**Friday, July 20, 2012**

**Sheffield Bushnell-Sage Library Downstairs**  
**3:30 PM**

Commission Members Present: Laura Grunfeld Chair  
Dave Wells [with the assistance of Nan Wells] (clerk)  
Claudia Martin  
Lori-Beth Amato by speaker phone

Grunfeld called the C.O.D. meeting open at 3:30 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the Commission on Disabilities for Friday, June 15, 2012 were moved to be approved by Martin, seconded by Grunfeld, and unanimously approved as written.

**VARIOUS ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- 1.) Martin reported on this Summer's Picnic plans and a conversation she had with Mike Ovitt, who is the Town Scheduler. The original hopes for putting on a C.O.D./Town picnic this year did not have enough collaboration, and lead time to put together a quality event; and therefore, the picnic plan was aborted for this year.
- 2.) Consider planning and scheduling a C.O.D. Summer Picnic next year to celebrate ADA Birthday for Friday, July 26, 2013. Discussion followed with member consensus that this was a good idea and should be followed up. Note to ourselves: Kiwanis has a food truck that could be asked to be brought to the picnic.
- 3.) October Speaker Series "Help and Aids for the Hearing Impaired" planning continued:
  - a. Will re ask Amato to follow up with Karron Larson
  - b. Wells UCP and Dawn Matthews
  - c. Wells will design Flyers
  - d. Amato, last month, volunteered to compile a resource list for venues which help with hearing impairment issues and needs

- 4.) Discussion followed on what should be included in the next Sheffield Times C.O.D. informational Article ... deadline for the next issue is August 15.
- 5.) Continued laying the ground work for our collaborative Spring of 2013 event "Summer Activities for Kids that include Kids with Disabilities." Grunfeld reported that no date has yet been set for this event but Sandy and Andrew at Mt. Everett are really pleased to be a part of this planned event.
  - a. A date needs to be set with the school
  - b. start our contact list (use for a starting point, contacts we have already established connections and a presence) i.e. Blue Rider Stables, South County Community Center, Special Olympics, CATA, Camp Half Moon, Butternut, Catamount, trails, Kids'n Cops, Canaan Fishing Derby, Bushnell-Sage Summer Library Programming
  - c. start lining up vendors
  - d. send out a letter to local (within ½ hour drive) area businesses
  - e. at this time, don't restrict activities list with regard to age
- 6.) C.O.D. noted that Lori-Beth Amato's appointment to the C.O.D. was official on April 23, 2012 and that Gail Mullens' official appointment date to the Commission was approved on November 7, 2011 of last year.
- 7.) Discussion continued on the importance to the Commission to reach out to Town Administrator and Selectmen with how the Commission can facilitate and help the Town finance an automatic door opener for the Town Hall. Discussion will continue at our August meeting.

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE:** Friday, August 24, 2012 at 3:30 PM at the Sheffield Bushnell-Sage Library, downstairs meeting room.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** *that the Commission has voted to change its regularly scheduled August meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, August 24 at 3:30 PM at the Bushnell-Sage Library downstairs meeting room. The Commission also voted to change the September meeting to Friday, September 28 at 3:30 PM, and the October C.O.D. meeting will be held Friday, October 19 at 3:30 PM.*

**AGENDA:**

1. October Speaker Series' Program
2. How we can help the Town get an Automatic Door Opener for the Town Hall
3. Spring of 2013 collaborative event
4. July ADA Picnic Celebration sponsored by Sheffield C.O.D. in Town Park
5. Next *Sheffield Times* C.O.D. article
6. Reports
7. Other business as necessary

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

Grunfeld adjourned the meeting at 4:55 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Dave Wells [assisted by Nan Wells] Clerk