

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

DATE: 15 JULY 2010

LOCATION: Winthrop Senior Center
Harvard Street
Winthrop

MEMBERSHIP:

Present:

Tink
Susan
Linda
Lee

Absent:

Jon
Kathy
Gloria
Gerry

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:13PM

BUSINESS CONDUCTED:

June Minutes:

Read and Accepted

Treasurers Report:

\$ 71.89 paid out
\$285.00 paid out
Rolling Ruler and Business Cards
Balance: \$29,754.00

Architectural Access Board:

Winthrop Public Landing Update

Rest Rooms will be two (2) outdoor facilities
AAB approved as will be used by both Harbormasters Office and the public
Handicapped Parking Spots
One spot by/for boat launcher
Six spots.....two at building.....two at pier.....two at yacht club end

Kasbah Restaurant Update

Owner complying with provisions set for him to date
Tables and chairs...put out and taken in as instructed...not new as requested by
licensing board

Gorman School Update

Handicapped spot still blocked by chain still unable to be used
AAB meeting to be held in Boston at AAB office on Monday, September 13th, 3:00pm

Anniversary Celebration:

20th Year Anniversary is being held on the Boston Common to celebrate ADA. This all day event is being put on
by the Disability Policy Consortium.

Winthrop Short Beach Project:

The concern over a handicapped parking spot being too far away from the ramp(s) to get onto the beach has been

rectified. There will be one spot in the beach parking lot and the original spot in concerned will be moved back

toward Winthrop and closer to the down ramp. This was verbally agreed to.

Winthrop Yacht Club:

No contact has been made by Winthrop Yacht Club concerning their committee for handicapped access to their club.

No request for assistance has been made to the town or the Disability Commission. A letter was written to the chair

of their committee, Mike DeSanctis, advising him of the Winthrop Commission and stating that we would be willing to

assist them in their endeavours to make Winthrop Yacht Club compliant. To date there has been no response to the commission.

List of Commissions:

Our commission is looking for an up to date list with the cities and towns noted from our state that have Disability

Commissions in place. There is currently a list but is at least five years old. We are looking for an up to date

version that would contain the names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses etc..

Guest Speaker:

Next month, August, the commission will be having a guest speaker from the Massachusetts Office of Disabilities.

Winthrop Handicapped Residential Parking Locations:

Charlotte Foberg of the town hall and Lee have been going through and updating all the personal handicap parking sites

in the town. Letters were sent to each person(s) who have/had a handicapped sign and parking spot. Most residents

have responded with their most current information, some have been removed because the party has passed away or

have moved. The update/record keeping should be completed by the end of the summer.

Visit by Consortium Head:

Robin Powell of the Disability Policy Consortium is taking time to visit different commissions in the Boston area. We are

hoping that she has Winthrop on her schedule so the commission members will be able to catch up on current events

and new information for the disabled.

New Type Wheelchair:

Nova has come out with a new wheelchair. It is lightweight, easy to maneuver and manageable, and can be a one

man/woman/child operation with little or no assistance. The cost is \$189.00. The commission will see if it

can obtain additional information plus flyers and where to go to request information or purchase.

August Meeting:

Our August meeting will not only have a guest speaker but the commission will begin its brainstorming session to address the possibility of having a "disability health faire" sometime in the near future. The commission feels strongly that this would be a benefit to all in our town that have handicapped or disability issues. It will give persons who have issues and need assistance in one manner or another to know where to go, how to get assistance and address any concerns.
More to follow.....

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, August 19, 2010

Meeting Adjourned: 8:59P

Respectfully Submitted by
Linda McGeorge Acting Secretary for Gloria Evans