

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 21 January 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05P

PRESENT

Susan
Linda
John
Kathy
Tink
Lee

ABSENT

Gloria
Gerry

DECEMBER MINUTES:

Minutes not read as they have misplaced by the acting recording secretary. They will be read at the February meeting along with the January minutes.

COMMISSION ACCOUNT:

To date the commission account has \$28,326.00 in its coiffers.

TOWN CLERK EMAIL

Looking for dates of those on the commission.

John and Kathy's terms expire in 2012.

Susan, Linda, Tink, Lee, Gloria and Gerry all expire in 2011

WATERWAYS USE FEES

Per Tink.....waterways use fee has to be set by the Town Council. Bills for 2010 have not been sent out to this date yet.

RULES AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE

Meeting this coming Monday night.

MEETINGS POSTING

Persons have noticed that not every meeting being held by any committee or commission here in town makes the bulletin board or is posted. Every meeting regardless is supposed to be posted on the board at town hall at least 48hrs prior to the meeting. Usually standard procedure that is not followed in all instances.

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MICHELLE KARAS

New head of Assessors

MYSTIC RIVER WATERSHED

Wants to eliminate Winthrop and Revere.....for what reason?

HANDICAP PARKING

Request for Bowdoin street was denied by the handicapped parking committee

HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

No current updates

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Town Council President Turco wants a member of the school committee at every council meeting.

LOUNESBURY ISSUE

Neil Winston, a Somerville lawyer whose specialty is "Special Needs Trust" has taken on the MaryAnn Lounesbury issue along with Greater Bostons Legal Services lawyer, Diane Paulson who is a Medicare Advocate Specialist.

Everyone including MGH is confused as to why the procedure was denied for MaryAnn even before the procedure was done. A clear denial of payment to cover this procedure.

MARFANS BENEFIT

May 1st, 2010...Winthrop Lodge of Elks..John brought us up to date on what has transpired up to now.

CHAIRPERSONS THOUGHTS

Lee has asked the commission members to think about who would be a good Vice-Chairperson for our commission since our Gloria is out of commission at the moment.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday....18 February 2010...Senior Center

MEETING ADJOURNED

8:30pm

Commission on Disabilities

The Commission met on February 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center with the following members present: Lee Dzedulionis, Susan Rowe, Tink Martin and John Rodis.

Minutes from the December & January meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report: \$28,901 is currently in the Handicapped parking Fund.

Walk Winthrop – a new concept that is being talked about with a presentation given by Colby College of Landscape Design, recently. Lee attended the meeting and gave a brief overview of the project and locations.

The Museum of Fine Arts has tours for the low vision and blind as well as for the deaf and hard of hearing population.

Gerry gave a report on Comm. Of the Blind, Chairperson, Janet Lebreck and her recent meeting with the Low Vision support group here in Winthrop.

February is National Marfans Awareness month. John is holding a raffle to be held on Saturday, February 26th. He asked Lee to pull the winning tickets. Lee will check with WCAT to see if it could be recorded.

Gerry also gave an overview of a bill, now in the Senate (S445). This bill will allow blind and low vision people to be able to hear what medications and the suggested dose via an optical reader. He is also going to Washington to give testimony and suggest new bills for the RX program and to have Medicare pay for hearing aids.

There was a lengthy discussion on the new health care bill and it's ramifications for the elderly and disabled population.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 18th (depending on the weather).

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

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