

Provincetown Disability Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
June 17, 2014
Meeting in the Caucus Hall at Town Hall

Meeting Started at: 11AM

Members Present: Vernon Porter, Nancy Swanson,
Herb Hintze, & Linda Loren

Members Absent: Michelle DeMarco & Michelle Foley

Guests: Gloria McPherson – Provincetown Planner and will be employee member of Commission

Welcome and Open Comments: Welcome to Gloria McPherson
Kaolin Davis donated walkers. Thank you to be sent. Proposed by Swany / Seconded
by Linda. Vote 4-0

Herbie – Put in a request for more beach mats to increase accessibility. Will be suggested for new budget. Herbie also had \$68.00 in donations from individuals borrowing wheelchairs at the Chamber. Vern will place money in gift fund.

Vernon stated that Art's Dune Tours wanted to borrow a mobi chair. Vern thought this might be a way of advertising them. Per Herbie they are not utilized very much. Vern suggested that Art's could tie a chair to the roof of a van with a sign from the Dis. Com. Discussion resulted – Vernon stated that he had a previous discussion with Michelle DeMarco and that she was not in favor. Resulting discussion ended in a motion by Herbie / seconded by Swany that Art's Dune Tours be permitted to borrow a Mobi Chair. Vote – 4 – 0.

Swany stated that she became aware of an individual with a walker having difficulty accessing Town Hall Bathrooms.

Discussion about Disability Awareness day. Tom Donergan was the only selectman to come to the display. He tried wheelchair access to the Bathrooms as Town Hall and had great difficulty especially with signage and the railings in Bathroom.

Public Statements: None

Member Statements:

Suggestion was made that we have a Vice Chair that could act in Chairs Absence. Discussion ensued and Vernon was suggested as a Vice Chair and accepted nomination. Swany made the motion and Linda seconded that Vern should be Vice Chair of the Disability Commission. Vote – 3-0 Vernon abstaining

Vernon – Difficulty with Town Hall Front Doors. Difficult to open and there is no electric opener.

Swany witnessed another person tripping and falling on sidewalk near Court Street. Issue with uneven bricks remains.

Linda – continue bike issues. Bikes chained to poles, fences, etc. that interfere with ability to navigate sidewalks.

Gloria – need to get on selectmen agenda to Follow-up on Disability Awareness Day.
Linda – Will write about experiences on that day.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 13, 2014 approved. Swany motioned/Herbie seconded. Vote 4-0.

Updates:

Vernon discussed recent purchases from the budget and Gift Fund.

Pens for Dis. Awareness day - \$40.00

New and better mats - \$4500.00

2 wheelchairs - \$798.00

Bench - \$1200.00

Vernon – new show on WOMR – Chat up with Lady Di – 3rd Sunday 12 – 12:30PM
Will have various individuals on. Can use this as a means of discussing disability issues.

Strategic Planning:

Other Matters:

Closing Statements:

Next Meeting Scheduled for: August 12, 2014 at@ 11AM

Meeting Adjourned at: 12PM. Motion made by Herbie and Seconded by Linda Vote 4-0

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by.
Linda Loren