

Provincetown Disability Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
March 10, 2015
Meeting in the Caucus Hall at Town Hall

Meeting Started at: 11AM

Members Present: Michelle DeMarco, Vernon Porter, Nancy Swanson,
Herb Hintze, Michelle Foley, Gloria McPherson & Linda Loren

Members Absent: None

Guests: Geoffrey Larsen, Building Commissioner

Welcome and Open Comments:

Welcome to Geoffrey Larsen - he is here to discuss the process for requests for Architectural Accessibility Accommodations. Geoff stated that he is obligated to enforce MA building codes and those requests to the Architectural Accessibility Board. We discussed with him that the process for these requests are suppose to include a copy of the request to be forwarded to the Disability Commission. He will look into this issue. We also showed him the survey that we formulated and hoped that various departments might use when doing their own building surveys. Geoff looked at survey and will get back to us about using it. He does a yearly survey on all buildings regarding his own Code Based inspection.

Discussed with Geoff the site review done by the state Disability Commission after the paving of Commercial Street. Multiple issues and violations and no requests to the Accessibility Board. These requests were then to be made by the Town.

Snow Removal – no sidewalks cleaned. Per Geoff there is no town ordinance to have sidewalks cleaned.

Discussed having Anne Howard, Building Inspector, at the next meeting to discuss use of Survey.

Public Statements: None

New Business:

Follow up to previous discussions – new election of officers.

Herb Hintze & Michelle DeMarco nominated for Chair – Herb Hintze elected as Chair by a vote of 4-3.

Michelle DeMarco was thanked for her years of service as the Chair of the committee. She has brought the Commission from obscurity to a working viable commission. Thank You Michelle.

Vice Chair – Vernon Porter will remain as Vice Chair vote – 7-0

Treasurer – Gloria McPherson vote 7-0 and she will also do meeting postings. Michelle DeMarco will do accounting for all the Disability contribution boxes in town.

Clerk – Linda Loren will continue Vote 7-0

Michelle Foley – commented on new ramp constructed at Yardarm Liquors. Thank you Letter to be sent from the commission. Gloria will send letter.

Swany – gave us booklets and information about Free Wheel. It is an attachment to regular wheelchairs and it offers more stability and accessibility. Cost is \$599.00. Will be discussed at future meetings.

Old Business:

Vernon – working on final cost of MobiMats. Hopes to get a discount if other towns also buy them.

Town Survey – Michelle Demarco has Town disability survey but this was created by Accessibility Provincetown and they will tabulate and use the results for future endeavors.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 24, 2015 approved 7-0

Vernon asked if draft of minutes could be sent to commission members ahead of time for review. Linda will email minutes for review.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: April 14, 2015 @ 11AM

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:06 PM Michelle F. motioned and Heb seconded to end meeting. 7-0

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by.
Linda Loren