

Provincetown Disability Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
February 24, 2015
Meeting in the Caucus Hall at Town Hall

Meeting Started at: 11AM

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

Members Absent: Nancy Swanson

Guests: Sharon Crooker – Sales Mgr for DMS/Mobi Mat, Rex McKinsey – Harbor
Master, Ray Duarte - DPW

Welcome and Open Comments:

Michelle F. – Commented on the new ramp at Yardarm Liquors. She personally thanked them for the ramp. Appreciation letter to be sent to them

Public Statements: None

New Business:

Sharon Crooker presented samples of beach mats manufactured by her company. Current mats are disintegrating and becoming unusable. These mats are more durable and have better connector system. Rex asked about the use of metal and Sharon stated that it feels like metal but mat is made of woven polyester. These mats will withstand the use of electric wheelchairs that are ripping the current mats. These mats can withstand vehicles, with only issue of spinning wheels. Everyone examined mats and approved of construction. Will need to review number of mats needed and the cost. These mats can be left down all year. Rex also suggested that these mats could be used at other beach sights as well as some of the pond sites and other conservation areas in town. Sharon also noted that the mats are capable of being imprinted and donors name could be put on the mats if we wanted to raise money in this way. There is also a Roll’N Stow unit for about \$1900 that could be used for both placement of mats and storage. Thanked everyone for attendance at this meeting.

Herb – asked about meeting the members of Accessible Provincetown. Michelle D. was reluctant to ask for a meeting as she thought they wanted to be a silent committee raising money for the Commission. Some discussion around this meeting and thought we would have at least a meet and greet with this group. Michelle D. will ask them for a meeting.

Disability awareness will be on May 15 & 16, 2015 at the Firehouse next to Town Hall. Michelle F. will be out of town then and Linda may also. Selectmen and all department heads will be invited to attend.

Ongoing Issues:

Finances were discussed – Gift Fund \$21, 579.14
Town Fund \$16,396
Regular Budget \$4,403

Discussion about number of mats and where to take money to pay for them. Vern understood that money from Accessible Provincetown was for purchase of mats but Michelle D. stated that it wasn't. No agreement on this issue.

Herb made a motion to purchase the necessary mats and use money as needed. Michelle F made a motion to be specific to use only the Town Fund and the Regular Budget to purchase the mats and this amount not to exceed \$20,000. Herb seconded this motion and vote was 6-0 to approve this motion.

Discussion around the future office at the pier. Linda suggested that we start with computer access and phone access to the Commission and validate the need for the office. Michelle D. suggested that we need to put together a Strategic plan regarding Phone and email access to the Commission and a website.

Other Business:

Michelle F. asked about election of officers that has been previously discussed. This will be set for next meeting.

Meeting schedule for 2015 discussed. Second Tuesday of each month at 11AM decided on by members.

Approval of Minutes: None

Next Meeting Scheduled for: March 10 @ 11AM

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:30Am Michelle F. motioned and Vern second to end mtg.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by.
Linda Loren