

Provincetown Disability Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
April 12, 2016
Meeting in the Caucus Hall at Town Hall

Meeting Started at: 12PM

Members Present: Herbert Hintze, Nancy Swanson,
Linda "Rowan" Wielblad, & Linda Loren
Vacant Position

Members Absent: Michelle DeMarco - excused, Gloria McPherson

Guests: Morgan Clark – Health Agent

Public Statements: None

Welcome and Member Open Comments:

Linda – Shared concerns about suggested moving of parking lot to route 6. Herbie was asked to speak to Town Manager about the Disability Commission be involved in the discussion and future planning.

Herbie informed the commission that Kristine Hopkins has been appointed to the commission.

Ongoing Issues:

Survey – waiting for Survey to be brought to DC by Michelle. We will be updating the survey for mailing next year. Herbie will speak to Doug about being part of next year's town mailing.

Seashore Point – front entrance sidewalk has been redone and problems have been resolved.

Accessible Provincetown - Met with Town Manager and the VSB regarding space at the old library. No decision as yet.

New Business:

Morgan Clark – Asked and discussed ways of curtailing smoking in public areas. The commission represents all those with “hidden” disabilities including those with respiratory, heart, and other issues that are impacted by secondary smoke. She stated that any requests for restrictions must be presented to the Selectmen. Private property requests should be made to the property owner and they can choose to comply. She referred us to the individual in charge of the Cape Cod Regional Tobacco Control Program – Bob Collet. Linda suggested that we look at limiting smoking on town property with half the benches in front of town hall be designated as “no smoking” benches and additionally, no smoking while waiting on line at any venues. DC will discuss these issues at future meetings.

Rowan presented a problem that has occurred at the condo where she lives. Non-resident owners are having their floors refinished. Despite submission of letters from Rowan and other neighbors that they are allergic or have other issues with the fumes of oil based polyurethane, these individuals refuse to switch to water based solutions. The contractor also stated that the project will take about 12 days due to the amount of furniture in the apartment. Rowan contacted the State DC and there is nothing that they could do. Rowan now presenting the problem to Morgan. Morgan states if the substance can be legally purchased in MA then it can be used. This type of polyurethane can be purchased by contractors so therefore it may be used. The only recourse left would be to privately contact lawyers. Rowan disappointed and will need to move out of her condo until the project is over.

Disability Awareness Day - May 14 10AM – 3PM at the old firehouse next to town hall. Herbie will bring all banners and supplies. Linda will pick up key at 9:15AM and we will meet at the firehouse at 9:30AM. Will discuss the particulars at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of January and March, 2016 approved with no changes. Motion made by Swany and seconded by Rowan to approve minutes. Vote 4 - 0 to accept minutes.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: May 10, 2016 @ 12PM

Meeting Adjourned at: 1:00 PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by.
Linda Loren