

Provincetown Disability Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
February 19, 2013
Meeting in the Caucus Hall at Town Hall

Meeting Started at: 11AM

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

Members Absent: JoAnn Diorio

Guests: Domenic Rosati - Parking Dept. & Rex McKinsey - Harbormaster

Welcome and Open Comments:

Public Statements: Swany – Lives at Maushope and described living conditions during the snowstorm. During blackout – they only had electricity on the first floor. There was heat and kitchen appliances for all residents. No elevator was available and residents checked on each other. One individual had only two hours of oxygen. Rescue squad called – tanks carried down stairs and refilled. Swany asked about Maushope having an updated electrical system with Generators. Some discussion about grants and whether businesses like NStar could help. Issue will be presented to Jeff Dougan at our next meeting.

Herb – Suggested that we invited individuals from licensing in order for us to ask that a business's status regarding accessibility be indicated on their applications.

Approval of Minutes: December 2012 approved – no changes
January 2013 approved with corrections – page 2 vote corrected to reflect 7-0-0 and Michelle Foley's name was corrected.

Old Business: Fundraising – will look at fundraising during events like the Film Festival and sailing Regatta
Vern - Advertising for the Commission can be done on WOMR, PTV programs and his WOMR radio program. If we want to use the Fire House we need to decide soon.
Swany – suggested T shirts in various colors

Funds: per Vern there is \$2,496.00 left in the budget. \$1,700.00 was spent for the first installment to pay for the new booklets. Need to allocate budget funds before end of fiscal year.

Gift Fund: \$2,081.00 Paul Fazzini gave a gift of \$1,000.00

Need to keep the donation boxes in high traffic areas.

Booklet: All business sections are complete. Michelle Foley and JoAnn visited all food establishments – Fast Food, Markets & Restaurants. Back Page of Booklet needs new page by the Director of Tourism.

Jeff Dougan – Asst Dir. MA Office of Disability will be at our next meeting.

Tentative agenda includes – issues around elevator at Maushope

Handicap restrooms at Town Hall

Need for Office with phone, Website, computer , etc.

New Business:

Presentation by Rex McKinsey and Domenic Rosati regarding Sailing Regatta for June 21, 2013. The Race will be for One Design Boats only which will be a race of ability. They are one person boats and those with physical challenges and able individuals can compete. The race is promoted by summer resident Rob Casper. This type of boat race is also in Miami and Newport. The race in Miami has over 100 participants. This race in June will have about 6 -12 participants. Would like to promote as yearly event. A crane is necessary to put boats in harbor and Rob Casper will raise the money to cover the cost of the crane.

Anticipating much publicity and larger race crowds in the future. Rex asked for a letter of endorsement.

Race discussed by Commission – Linda proposed that we submit a letter of support – Swany seconded - letter of support approved 6-0-0

Future agenda – Training for town employees

Setting up office at VM building after COA moves into building.

Missions Statement needed for Commission and then to be presented to the Selectmen.

Will inquire about the amount of Handicap Parking fines collected during 2012.

Discussed publicity in the Banner every month for things happening with the commission. Next week would like to advertise Jeff Dougan's attendance but there may be insufficient time. April – Ask Businesses to let us know if they are accessible. Will also have a contest for a logo for a Commission Banner. May – Advertise the Regatta June – Mobi Chair July – Mobi Chair & Mats.

Closing Statements: None

Next Meeting Scheduled for: March 5, 2013 @ 11AM

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:15PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by.
Linda Loren