

Provincetown Disability Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
June 11, 2013  
Meeting in the Caucus Hall at Town Hall

Meeting Started at: 11AM

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

Members Absent: None

Guests: None

**Welcome and Open Comments:** Positive comments regarding Mobi Mats & Ceremony. Vernon has received several phone calls regarding Mats & chair. Radio station –WOMR – did an interview and put pictures on Web site. Herbie – Chamber understaffed at this time and they may need assistance to give out keys for the shed. He suggested Driver's license and Credit Card in case of damage. Sign is needed on shed regarding instructions. Swany & Michelle D. to make sign.

**Public Statements:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of April 16, 2013 approved with no changes. 7-0 vote

**Ongoing Issues:** Fundraising – All members queried regarding availability. Friday is the best day for most members for about two hours each shift. Swany suggested that we might want to design and have t-shirts as a fundraiser. Raffle – 50/50 offered as a possibility. Will need to apply for permit. Bake Sale also suggested. All ideas will be discussed.

Ribbon Cutting – Ribbon cut by 19 year old visitor – Gary. First time he has been on the beach in Provincetown. Mom was very grateful and will donate money for an additional Mobi Mat. Chamber of Commerce increased their donation.

Additional mat will be added at picnic area. Michelle F. & Linda will donate umbrella stands. Discussed shade for this area and agreed that umbrellas would be easier.

Two additional Mats need to be purchased from M.E O'Brien & Sons, Inc., the current vendor for previous purchases, to complete the length of the project to the High Water

Mark and the Picnic Area. Motion made by Linda that two Mobi Mats be purchased from M.E O'Brien & Sons, motion seconded by Swany. Approved – Vote 7 - 0

Finances – Vernon –

Budget - \$1800 left

Gift Fund - \$2300 left

Expenses: Booklet – owe \$1703

Mats: \$2700

**New Issues:**

Signage: Review for Beach Shed. Beach & shed to be reviewed by Rex & then DPW

Need to create an ad for the map handout.

Swany: Requesting meeting with Bike Committee

Michelle F. – spoke about issue with nasty and verbally abusive biker and skateboarder.

SMILE – Vernon will get second chair Free – will arrange pick-up.

Will send certificate of appreciation to Rex for his ongoing assistance and to the DPW with for their assistance with the Mobi mats.

June 7 Conference: Attended by Swany & Michelle D. It was presented by the Disability Law Center, Inc. Major issues about ADA enforcement. Issues around transportation, Housing, Voting and Local problems with accessibility. Swany also mentioned that this group has newspaper that comes out each month. Information will be sent on a regular basis to everyone who attended the conference.

Other issues discussed were equal Access, HC apartments given to non- disabled individuals, issues with Building Inspectors. They also stated that the majority of towns that receive money from the parking violations received 100%. There was also a discussion about bricks and the ongoing issues. Cambridge got rid of bricks. We need to receive reports of sidewalk falls and monitor them.

**Closing Statements:** None

**Next Meeting Scheduled for:** July 9, 2013 & August 6, 2013 @ 11AM

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:00PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by.

Linda Loren