

Provincetown Disability Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
July 9, 2013  
Meeting in the Caucus Hall at Town Hall

Meeting Started at: 11:06AM

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

Members Absent: Michelle Foley

Guests: None

**Welcome and Open Comments:**

Herbie – Issues with non-motorized wheelchair currently stored in the Pier shed. Numerous requests and more wheelchairs are needed. Current chair is very narrow. Will advertise that additional wheelchair, cane & walker donations are welcome. Waiver form needed for this equipment – Linda will create waiver similar to one approved for Mobi chair. Chamber of Commerce is short one staff member which sometimes makes it difficult to leave office to open shed for Mobi chair. Will invite Domenic from Parking and ask them for help. Herbie also stated that he has received donations for the use of the wheelchair.

Vernon – Beautification Committee will donate benche(s) near MobiMats.

Swany – Visitor fell on sidewalk near library and transported by the Rescue Squad. Swany said that in the past the Police were taking pictures of the area when individuals fall. This would help to identify areas where bricks are uneven as well as help the Town when there are no issues. Issue to be presented to Sharon Lynn.

JoAnn – continued issues with brick sidewalks. She has witnessed individuals with walkers and in wheelchairs having the wheels stuck between the bricks.

Linda – On the beach for Fireworks – Mats used and enjoyed by all.

**Public Statements:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Swany, Seconded by JoAnn to approve Minutes of June 11, 2013. Approved with no changes – Vote 6-0

### **Ongoing Issues:**

Vernon – Finances: Available Funds: Budget \$107.38 & Gift Fund \$2806.36

Outstanding invoice for two Mobi Mats, \$1,333.33 each, from M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc.

Motion made by Michelle D., seconded by JoAnn to pay M.E O'Brien & Sons from the Gift Fund. Approved: Vote 6 – 0

Thank you to be sent to the Chamber of Commerce for their \$500.00 donation.  
Letter of Appreciation to be sent to Domenic and the Parking Department.

SMILE – second Mobi Chair picked up by Vernon & Michelle D. Michelle stated that Lottie – Founder of SMILE – lends money to business in order for them to be in compliance with accessibility. They pay back loan when they can.

BOOKLET – at the printers & should be ready in a week.

Donation Boxes - moved from areas with few donations.

Vernon – Motion to send \Thank you letter to M.E. O'Brien for selling us the Mobi mats at a discounted price. Seconded by Herbie. Approved: Vote 6-0

Bricks – ongoing issues. Will be presented to the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation that Bricks not be used for the next phase on Commercial Street

### **New Issues:**

Fundraising: Firehouse #3 scheduled for Sept 19 – 4PM - ?? & Sept 20 10Am – 4PM

Will request Proclamation for Disability Awareness Day for Sept 20. This will be a yearly event. Will have 50/50 raffle – Linda to apply for permit. Need to procure signage. Michelle D. will ask the PBG for their rolling barrel for collection of donations.

Employee Training – Nov. 6, 2013. Presentation by Jeff Dugan & CORD will last about 4hrs. Will schedule a morning and afternoon session in order to accommodate employees. Vern on will call CORD. Vern motioned that we get refreshments for the Training and Lunch for the Presenters. Herbie seconded. Approved: Vote 6 - 0

**Closing Statements:** None

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

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:00 PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by.  
Linda Loren

