

Provincetown Disability Commission

Minutes of the Meeting

February 10, 2010

Provincetown Public Library

Members Present: Michelle DeMarco, Jo-Ann DiOrio, Jamia Kelly, Linda Loren, Barbara Grasso (new member)

Members Absent: Vernon Porter, Rik Kapler (Wave)

Minutes of January 13, 2010 not available for review & approval.

Old Business

- Visioning was discussed as main focus of January meeting – What do we want to do and can do.
- Brainstorming – Members are only resource at this time – no funds

Accomplishments - More handicap parking spaces

Increased revenue for parking

Handle issues as they arise

- We continue to investigate issues – Problem with access to Police Station – not in compliance – old building. Need new building.
- Suggestion that our focus should be – Outreach

Education

Investigation

Funds – Financial Resources

- Re: dispersal of funds from tickets issued for Handicap Parking violations – Originally stated by CORD representative that we are entitled to these monies. Review of Disability laws of MA states that the Disability Commission may receive these funds but must request them from the town. Lack of funds seen as major obstacle to moving forward with projects such as benches, literature, attendance at outside conferences, Educational materials, Beach Wheel chairs, ramps, etc. Need to go forward and seek these funds.

#### New Business

- Welcome to Barbara Grasso, newest member

- New issued raised regarding issuance of variances for construction that does not meet Disabilities Building codes. Discussion around this issue with agreement that no variances should be issued without communication with the Disability Commission. We could possibly offer solutions. Sharon Lynn, Town Manager will be invited to the April 14, 2010 meeting to discuss this issue.

- Fund raising was addressed - some discussion on having donation containers in the various stores.

- Mr. Bull – PHS – Wood shop teacher – will be contacted re: ability of students to make benches for placement around town. Need cost for materials and will need town representatives to assist with appropriate placement of benches that will not interfere with sidewalk traffic. We could have a “Bench Map” that would assist in finding places to sit.

- Educational outreach to all businesses was discussed with the idea of having a large informational meeting before the season begins.

- Audit of town buildings – Public, Commercial and private. Commission could offer solutions to problems that make some buildings/businesses inaccessible.

NEXT MEETING: March 24, 2010 @ 2PM – Library

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