

Provincetown Disability Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
December 10, 2014  
Meeting in the Caucus Hall at Town Hall

Meeting Started at: 11AM

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

Members Absent: None

Guests: Brandon Motta – Dir. Recreation Dept.

**Welcome and Open Comments:**

Swany – Issue for her regarding the number of pets allowed where she lives. No prior notification to tenants regarding the policy change. She recently lost her dog.

Herbie – Moved all equipment into the shed. Chamber is basically closed for the winter – limited hours.

Swany – She saw a commercial for a special third wheel for wheelchairs which increases stability. She will follow up and share information.

**Public Statements:** None

**New Business:**

Brandon Motta – Dir. Of Recreation Dept. Asking for our support for a project at the East End playground. Playground is being refurbished and he is asking our support to include removing the sand from the playground and replacing it with rubber surface that will make it wheelchair accessible. Motion made by Vernon seconded by Swany to send a letter in support of this project. Vote 7-0 in support. Michelle D. will send letter

Resident Town Survey reviewed. Motion made by Michelle F seconded by Swany to approved the survey. Vote 7 – 0 in favor.

2015 Meeting Schedule – next meeting will be January 14, 2015 at 3PM. Rest of 2015 schedule will be determined at this meeting. Looking at Tuesdays @ 11AM.

### **Ongoing Issues:**

Continued discussion about using a shared shed with the parking department. No final resolution at this time.

Braille signage in Town Hall elevator needs to be redone. Current dots are worn and need to be replaced.

Discussion regarding the Disability Accessibility Audit – agree to meet @ 2:30PM before the 3PM meeting to look at results of survey.

Michelle D. raised the issue of adding Alternate members to the commission. The need was questioned since their purpose is to fill in for members when they are not present and to help assure a quorum. Absenteeism and quorums are not an issue. Michelle stated that someone wanted to participate with the Commission and that was the idea of the alternate members. Individual was invited to attend all meetings as a member of the public.

Disability Awareness will be a two day event in May. Further planning will occur at future meetings.

G. Larsen – invited for the January 2015 meeting.

Mats – Vern has been doing further research and has stated that we need to look at better mats. He shared a sample of an Industrial mat made by the Mobi Company. 33 x 60 mat is \$2729 and 50 x 60 is \$2900. Vernon suggested that the DPW needs to do more maintenance of the mats – they need to be kept flat so that there isn't a tripping issue. Will discuss this further. No vote at this time.

Herbie asked for clarification of the Commissions Financials the next meeting. Michelle D. will get this information.

### **Other Business:**

Three members of the Commission need to renew their terms on the commission. All three, Herbie, Vernon and Linda will remain on the Commission.

Michelle F. – also asked about elections since we had discussed this at the last meeting. Need to be done at a future meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of November 2014 approved 7-0. Motion made by Michelle F. seconded by Swany.

**Next Meeting Scheduled for:** January 21, 2015 @ 3 PM

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:20PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by.  
Linda Loren