

Meeting Minutes
Andover Commission on Disability
June 25, 2014

After the agenda was duly posted and distributed, the meeting was convened on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 6:37 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Library, Activity room, Lower Level.

Present: Maddy St. Amand (Acting Chair), Jennifer Samaras, Bernadette Lionetta, Sarah Paterson, Ruth Rosensweig, Justin Coppola Jr., Stephen Surette.

Minutes: Bernadette made a motion to accept the May 28, 2014 minutes and Jennifer seconded; unanimously approved.

Old Business – Updates

Spot checks: roads, sidewalks, signage—Justin noted that Stop and Shop cross walk area at the lights on North Main street and surrounding sidewalk and curb areas are in need of repair. **Action Item:** Steve will look into this area and also mentioned that he will be in touch with his contacts in early July regarding approximately 250 signs which need to be installed.

Bancroft School site visit—Justin Sr. spoke with Ed Ataide, Plant & Facilities, recently about the current status of construction access and a second walk-through not likely to happen until the end of August. There is a commitment to fixing anything ACOD finds unacceptable.

Sponsored Projects:

My Own Voice – Maddy announced that funding in the amount of \$3,500 was approved. A question arose about the need for a formal invoice.

Peer Mentor Program – Maddy announced funding in the amount of \$500 was approved. Andover High School students will be able to be Peer Mentors to Melmark New England (MNE) students who reside at Melmark, by participating in recreational, art and other activities.

Action Item: Jennifer will be in touch with the Melmark School staff regarding the award of this grant.

Vocational Horticulture Program – Maddy announced funding in the amount of \$1,000 approved. ACOD will sponsor a collaborative effort with a non-profit that provides “gardener in training” educational programs, and a local food market, to expand a gardening program for some of the older Melmark students.

Andover Day – Maddy announced that the \$400 requested was rejected because we can’t pre-commit money into another fiscal year (which ends July 1). This amount goes back to the back to the general fund.

New Business

Input on new ACOD brochure—Ruth led a discussion on her proposed ACOD brochure. There was general discussion on the brochure content including clarifying the overall mission of the ACOD and using specific projects, collaborations, sponsorships, and advice ACOD has provided on specific projects. These new brochures will be distributed at the usual town public information areas and will be displayed at events such as the upcoming Andover Days. **Action Item:** Ruth will incorporate the Group’s comments into the final brochure, edited by Sarah.

Use of new logo by commission—Ruth proposed replacing the current wheelchair accessible logo to the more active-looking logo the commission previously discussed and rejected on two grounds: the MA Architectural Access Board determined the new logo is not acceptable by code; and copyright conflict which places it “on hold” for regulatory approval in MA. Despite these issues brought up by Maddy, she said she would re-visit the issue with town officials if the commission wished, but the commission agreed to retain the current logo until such time as the outstanding issues are resolved.

Announcements

The Council on Aging (COA) has invited ACOD and TRIAD to join them at their August meeting, Thursday, August 14th at 8:00 am for a breakfast meeting to discuss and get input for some of their upcoming projects. Meeting: *The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court*

Adjournment

Ruth made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., Sarah seconded and unanimously passed.

*Next meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 6:30 pm
Memorial Hall Library, Activity Room, Lower Level*

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McKelliget