

Meeting Minutes
Andover Commission on Disability
January 26, 2011

Present: Maddy St.Amand, Justin Coppola Jr., Ruth Rosensweig, Bernadette Lionetta, Pat Commane, Julie Pike, Mary Lyman and Susan McKelliget.

Minutes: The meeting began at 7:12 p.m. Julie made a motion to accept the October 26, 2010 minutes. Pat seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved. **Note: These and future meeting minutes will be posted online.**

Old Business—Program Updates:

- **Project Lifesaver**—Julie spoke with Lt. John Pathiakas about the program. There are about 9 to 13 local families currently involved. Other cities and towns are developing a greater awareness of the benefits of this program. **Action Item:** Pat will contact Lt. Pathiakas about current funding needs for the program and whether or not there is a need for any “small grants” that ACOD may consider funding. Also, Pat will ask him about temporary ramps for private residences. (See discussion below.)
- **Kids on the Block**— Bernadette noted that the Doherty school drama teacher is now involved and a few volunteer opportunities may be opening up to assist with production. A brief discussion about how to publicize the productions followed.
- **Visitability concept**—Ruth mentioned that information is out there about this concept (building homes which have accessible entrances and the like) but next steps will be discussed following a look at some of the Natick (model) results after a year’s time.
- **Van HP Survey**—Maddy noted most but not all of the remaining parking spaces have been counted (snow has prevented completion) but the survey results will be submitted prior to line painting in the Spring.

New Business

- Potential Commission Projects— Maddy reiterated the need to be thinking about advocacy, further curb cuts, or other commitments for the commission to adopt as work projects as well as possible funding by ACOD.
- Commission Funding
 1. **SPED**— Bernadette polled the SPED leadership committee to discuss potential needs, and Doherty school representatives responded that they have gaps in their technology needs which include color laser printers for the SPED students in the classroom. Bernadette made a motion for ACOD to allocate \$1500.00 to pay for three Hewlett Packard laser color printers at approximately \$400.00 each along

with supplies to go with them such as toner cartridges. Justin seconded the motion. **All voted in favor of the motion which unanimously passed.**

2. **Other proposals** –Maddy brought up a previously discussed issue which is the possible need for “temporary” ramps for access that could be used by individuals and families who may not need a permanent ramp installed at their residence. This needs to be discussed further in terms of storage space, fire or police department involvement. This new concept will first be discussed between Pat and Lt. Pathiakas.

Adjournment Justin Jr. made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Bernadette. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 23, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McKelliget