

Meeting Minutes  
Andover Commission on Disability  
April 21, 2010

Present: Justin Coppola, Jr., Gilbert DeMoor, Julie Pike, Maddy St. Amand, Ruth Rosensweig, and Susan McKelliget.

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Julie moved to accept the March 24, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Ruth and unanimously passed.

Old Business

Maddy organized this month's agenda around an overview of what has recently been accomplished and what needs to be done.

- Final Curb Cut Review—**Action Item:** Julie will meet next week with interested parties and Justin Sr.
- Handicap Parking—Justin Sr. along with Julie were the two members who took on the role of photographing vehicles in violation of handicap parking. **Action Item:** With Justin Sr, no longer on the commission, Maddy agreed to take on this role temporarily, until another member fills this position.
- Transitional Plan and Master Plan—**Action Item:** Maddy and Jamie will be working with Town Planner Lisa Schwarz to update these plans.
- Senior Center Community Garden—**Action Item:** As noted in previous ACOD minutes, Maddy is prepared to commit \$200.00 for the purchase of seedlings and garden supplies to the community garden.

New Business

Maddy will continue as Chairwoman pro tempore until the commission elects a new chairperson. To date, no one has volunteered to chair. Maddy checked the Town Manager's talent bank and has set up interviews next week for a possible new member to be nominated to the commission.

The Commission's own Pat Commane has announced she is running in the Democratic primary for State Representative. Congratulations, Pat! Be assured of our support.

A letter from Jeff Dougan of the Massachusetts Office on Disability was shared with the members. It reviewed current legislation under consideration. Since it has been some time since the commission expressed itself to our legislators, Maddy presented a draft of a letter to be addressed to Senator Tucker, Rep. L'Italien and Rep. Finegold on behalf of ACOD members, with recommendations for pending legislation regarding disability issues. The commission agreed to support the proposed bills with one possible minor change which Maddy is further researching with MOD. A copy of the final letter will be sent to the membership.

Julie moved that we adjourn; Justin Jr. seconded and so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McKelliget