

Town of Fairhaven Commission on Disabilities

Meeting January 23, 2013

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Meeting opened- called to order 6:50

Present : Charlie Murphy

Trina Bigham

Maria DeOliviera

Ron Medina

Eugene Robert

Anne Silvia

Diane Rocha

Absent: Paul Schroeder

Waldemar DeOliviera

Brian Rego

FAIRHAVEN,
MASS.

Minutes of last meeting 11-7-12 and letter to selectmen, reviewed

Trina motioned to accept, Diane seconded, All voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurers Report

Commission Budget going into 2014 reviewed and discussed. Discussion of reducing postage to \$75, and Misc. expenses to \$150. This would reduce budget to \$1300 a \$150 overall reduction.

Trina motioned to accept changes in budget, Ron seconded, all voted in favor of reduction.

Old Business

Eye Health Associated has HD parking on ground- there is no upright signs. Committee will ask Paul to look into this when he is feeling better.

Val who was unable to attend this meeting will present his speech on Machado's Syndrome at the next meeting.

Jeff Osuch did not accept the commission's invitation to attend the meeting, and did not respond to the letter of request. The commission wants to know why he has not responded. There are additional questions about his roll and responsibilities as "ADA Coordinator"

New Business

Town information update, the Annual Report is being compiled

Ethics Trainings must be completed by all members. As all members don't have computer access, COA will provide computer access to everyone at next meeting 3-6-13 at 5:30. Certificates are due 4-5-13.

MOD updates e-mailed to all members for review

A new law finally allows person to use ID to purchase alcohol (instead of requiring license)

Commission has concerns about MBTA fare increases, and regulations for elevators/lifts in private homes

Other Business

MO-life Ball will be held 3-15-13 at Whites of Westport

Discussion of amount rent paid to town by Namasket Group for use of building, and ramifications if they moved.

Problem of COA walkway being used as a driving area have been solved. Barrels have been erected ensuring safety of walkers.

Commission concern for how snow is plowed up onto sidewalks, blocking HD curb cuts

Faith companions are still needed for area churches, particularly St Joseph in Fairhaven

Commission will be planning the second Disability Awareness Fair for early spring

7:40 Trina Motioned to adjourn, Ron seconded

Next meeting will be 3-6-13 at 5:30 at the Fairhaven COA

Min. Adjusted AT 3-6-13 MEETING
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Trina Rocha