

Fairhaven Commission on Disability

May 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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Present:

Charles Murphy
Anne Silvia
Diane Rocha
Eugene Robert
Maria DeOlivieria
Joseph Borelli
Brian Rego

Absent:

Paul Schroeder
Ronnie Medina
Val DeOliviera

Guests:

Jeff Osuch ADA Coordinator
Jeff Dougan MOD

6:35 Meeting Opened

Review of March 2, 2012 Meeting by members

Trina Motioned to accept Minutes, Anne seconded, minutes accepted and will be filed with Town Clerk and Secretary

Treasurers report- No new expenditures to report

Trina motioned to accept, Anne seconded, treasurers report accepted

Guest speaker Jeff Dougan discussed the role of MOD and his role at the agency. He deals mainly with the structure of the buildings and their codes. He distributed the Disability Law Handbook to each member and ADA coordinator. The commission now has the opportunity to receive some or all of the fines related to Handicapped parking violations. Other communities have used the funds for scholarships, curb cuts (\$1400-\$1500), sidewalks and audio pedestrian alerts crosswalk, and ramps for public areas. Fall River has hired 2 full time Police officers to monitor and administer the program, usually with an education piece. Current fine is \$100.00. An increase would have to be done through the selectmen, and through town vote.

A personal individual problem with parking was discussed regarding a ticket given to for parking in a HD parking spot to someone with a HD plate. Though situation was resolved Jeff with address with New Bedford Police Dept.

Changes in ADA definition- Goal of the ADA is to advise on Title II responsibilities

Jeff Osuch discussed new school, Leroy L. Wood being built and current progress. Several technical points regarding width of corridors. School is 75% complete. Very energy efficient. If requested MOD will come to the site and do an assessment for ADA appropriateness. Request should go to Chris.r.becker@massmail.state.ma.us

Brian moved to draft request, Anne seconded, commission secretary will draft request.

Commission members invited to view School Friday August 16, 2013 at 11:30

New Business

Town Meeting May 4, 2013

Disability Awareness Health Fair May 20 2013 1:00-4:00

Val did wonderful presentation at COA last month on Joseph Machos Disease

Mo-life doing "Dining out for a Cause" at Restaurant 99

Mass DOT- Southcoast Rail received proposal regarding rail services

MOD e-mails are forwarded to all commission members

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Thanks to both Jeff Dougan and Jeff Osuch for attending our meeting for

Ann motioned to adjourn, Diane seconded, Meeting adjourned 8:15

Next meeting September 4, 2013 6:30 at COA

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