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Minutes 05/16/2007

MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2007

Members Present: Barbara Cutler, Kerrie Fallon, Susan James, Barbara Jones, Kevin O'Brien,
Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Lin Baker

Others Present: Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator
Paolo Marinelli, Disability Advocate

Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2007:

Barbara Jones made a motion seconded by Barbara Cutler to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2007. SO VOTED

Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2007:

Barbara Cutler said that though the meeting minutes state that Governor Patrick has now included people with disabilities in the State's Affirmative Action Plan, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 protected people with disabilities if the organization received federal funding. Organizations that received federal funding were required by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to make their programs and activities accessible. Also Barbara Cutler said that the Meeting Minutes should state that State Representative Jim Marzilli received an award as legislator of the year from the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council and the ARC of Massachusetts at their Annual Legislative Reception as was mentioned at the April 18, 2007 Commission Meeting. With these additions Barbara Cutler made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2007 seconded by Barbara Jones. SO VOTED

Commission Membership:

Kerrie Fallon said that she has sent letters to two Commission Members that have missed several meetings each in order to determine their interest in remaining on the Commission. Jack Jones said that one of the members that received a letter regarding Commission Membership has said that he will resign due to out of State commitments that have resulted in his missing several Commission Meetings. The other Commission Member that received a letter has said that her schedule has now changed and will now be able to attend meetings on a more regular basis.

Tom Boudreau Memorial Bench:

Jack said that the dedication for the Tom Boudreau Memorial Bench has been schedule for Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. Kevin O'Brien recommended that refreshments be served so that people will mix and talk with each other. Barbara Jones recommended that there be a rain date. Barbara Cutler recommended that the Selectmen be asked if they would be willing to sign a proclamation that would

be read at the dedication.

CDBG Funding:

Jack Jones distributed to Commission Members a list of all CDBG requests submitted to the Town for FY 2008. This list included all approved funding levels. Kevin O'Brien said that the curb cut ramp project should not be a CDBG issue, but instead should be considered an important project that needs Town funding. Kevin O'Brien said that the Commission needs a funding source that is not necessarily CDBG for this project. Kevin O'Brien said that the Commission has made people in the Town feel that curb cut ramps is a CDBG problem. Kevin O'Brien said that the Commission needs to provide information to the Town Manager and Selectmen about the importance of the curb cut ramp project.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.