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## **Disability Commission Minutes 07/19/2006**

### MEETING MINUTES JULY 19, 2006

Members Present: Barbara Cutler, Susan James, Barbara Jones,  
Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Lin Baker, Kevin O'Brien, Louis Krodel

Staff Present: Jack Jones

Others Present: Joey Glushko

Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2006:

Barbara J. made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2006. SO VOTED

Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2006:

Barbara J. made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2006. SO VOTED

Tom Boudreau Memorial Gift Fund:

Jack said that the total of donations for this gift fund has reached \$2,050.

Jack said that Tom's family would prefer that some of the gift fund be used for a direct benefit to a disabled individual, for example a wheel chair or tuition for a training or workshop on disability issues.

Jack distributed a design that has been developed by the Town Permanent Building Committee for the construction of a ramp or walkway between the Dallin School and adjacent playfield. The design has a platform for the placement of a bench that will be dedicated in memory of Tom. Barbara C. requested that the Commission be notified of the bench price so the Commission can plan how to appropriately use the remaining fund balance, while being respectful of the Boudreau family wishes. Barbara C. suggested inviting, Diane Boudreau, Tom's wife to a future Commission Meeting. Susan questioned if anyone on the Commission would benefit or have an interest in attending a training or workshop with funding from the gift fund. Barbara C. suggested contacting the Boston Center for Independent living to see if a scholarship could be given that would allow an individual to attend training on disability issues.

**Town Day 2006:**

Barbara C. said that she will provide a canopy to be used by the Commission at Town Day and will also prepare the 2006 edition of the Arlington Access newsletter for Town Day. Barbara C. said she would include the warrant articles in the newsletter and the response from the Selectmen and Town Meeting to these articles. Barbara C. said that she will be chairing an autism conference on September 9 and will therefore not be available to assist at the Commission Both. Susan and Maureen said they would be available to work at the Commission Both on Town Day 2006.

**Community Development Update:**

Joey said that the Symmes Project is moving along with a few changes. Joey said that there might be a health center included in the project.

Joey said that the Town is moving forward in the design of the East Arlington Mass. Ave. Project and is now reviewing issues involving turning lanes and bike lanes.

Jack said that at the Canton Regional Meeting held by the Mass. Office on Disability he mentioned that the Board of Selectmen have agreed in principal but not yet in writing to oppose the use of bricks in future sidewalk work.

Maureen expressed concern over water access covers that could cause a safety hazard to pedestrians. Barbara C. recommended that Public Works be contracted about this concern.

Barbara C. said that a decision needs to be reached as to the location of curb ramps that will be funded with \$25,000 from the CDBG 2007 Program.

**Legislative Update:**

Barbara C. said that she was not aware of any disability issues discussed at the Constitutional Convention.

Barbara C. said that the State budget passed with favorable results for the Disability Community. Though the Governor reduced the budget by 29 million in funding for salary increases for personnel care assistants.

**Other Business:**

Jack said that he has agreed to be involved in providing space in Arlington during September of 2007 for Access Monitor Training. Joey suggested the Museum of our National Heritage as a potential site for the Training. Joey said that in addition to easy parking the Museum does have a cafeteria.

Barbara C. said that she was concerned regarding a Advocate article that advertised teacher openings and mentioned that Arlington encourage racial diversity within its workforce but made no mention of disabled individuals.

Susan J. said that she would not be able to attend another Commission Meeting until May of 2007 due to a timing conflict in her schedule at the Gilby Rehabilitation Center, where she will be doing an internship.

**Adjournment:**

The Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

