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Disability Commission Minutes 11/15/2006

MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2006

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

Members Absent: Susan James, Louis Krodel

Staff Present: Jack Jones

Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2006:

Kevin moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2006, seconded by Barbara J. SO VOTED

Tom Boudreau Memorial Bench:

Jack said that the bench was delivered on 11/16/06 and would be assembled and installed by Public Works within a few weeks. Barbara J. recommended that Tom's family be notified of the bench being installed and request their opinion on when to schedule a dedication ceremony if the family is agreeable to having a formal dedication.

Election of Officers:

Barbara C. proposed the following slate of officers that included Kerrie Fallon for Chairman, Maureen St. Hilaire for Vice Chairman. Kevin seconded Barbara C's slate of officers. SO VOTED

Kevin made a motion to elect Barbara C. for secretary. SO VOTED

Old Business:

Curb Ramp Work

Jack said that the only bid that the Town received for curb ramp work was approximately \$600 more per curb ramp than was expected therefore the Commission and Town have agreed to wait until 2007 to bid this project again. The Town will include the curb ramp project with other sidewalk and curb ramp work in order to obtain a more competitive price.

Medford Street Group Home:

Jack said that the Arlington Housing Authority has requested a letter of support from the Commission pertaining to this proposed group home. Barbara C. expressed her concern about locating disabled individuals in one location. Kerrie expressed concern about the area surrounding the proposed group home. Kevin said that the application to request funding for this project does request a letter from the local Disability Commission. Kevin said that though the Commission Members have expressed some concerns regarding this group home Kevin said that this project is an opportunity to provide needed housing for the disabled and should be supported with an explanation of the Commission's concerns.

Kerrie said that she would send a letter of support from the Commission for the proposed group home to the Housing Authority the letter will also express any issues that Commission Members have addressed.

Community Development Update:

Kevin said that the Town expects to receive approximately a 5% to 10% increase this year in CDBG funding.

Legislative Update:

Barbara C. said that after the election Governor Romney made cuts to Human Resource Programs especially to family support programs. This Barbara C. said happened after the President reduced funding for Medicaid by 8 to 10 billion dollars.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:30