

## **MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2012**

- Members Present: Janice Dallas, Kerrie Fallon, Heidi Hample, Susan James, Michael Radenmacher, Maureen St. Hilaire
- Members Absent:
- Others Present: John Thompson, Disability Advocate  
Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator
- Commission Membership: Jack Jones said that two applications have been received for two of the three available openings on the Disability Commission. Jack Jones said that in order to comply with Commission By-Laws at least two of the three openings would need to be filled by a person with a disability. The By-Laws state that the majority of members on the Commission must have a disability. Kerrie Fallon and Maureen St. Hilaire each said that they know parents of disabled children that have expressed some interest in serving on the Commission.
- Diversity Career Fair: Jack Jones said that Greg Ames, from the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, has expressed a strong interest in planning for a third Diversity Career Fair that would be scheduled at the Arlington Town Hall during April 2012. Heidi Hample requested that the Commission obtain from Greg Ames information as to how many participants found jobs at the past two Diversity Career Fairs.
- Sidewalk Safety: Michael Radenmacher said that when the Central School Building was renovated a special permit was required that stated that the grounds around the building must retain it's historical significance. Michael said that an amendment would need to be made to the special permit if the Town were to replace the brick sidewalk next to the building with a smoother surface. Michael Radenmacher said that when Academy Street is resurfaced this year funds from the resurfacing project may be available to replace the sidewalk next to the Central School Building. Jack Jones said that Carol Kowalski, Director of Planning & Community Development, intends to meet with several people to discuss a safer replacement surface for the drop off area at the Central School Building. If funds are available and if the Historical Commission allows Carol Kowalski intends to have the bricks in

the drop off area at the Central School replaced this year with a smoother surface.

Annual Report: Jack Jones said that the Disability Commission's submission for the 2011 Annual Report was submitted on January 17, 2012. Copies of the report were distributed to Commission Members.

Warrant Articles: Commission Members decided not to submit any warrant articles this year.

Other Business: The Commission discussed inviting the Executive Director of the Arlington Boy's & Girl's Club to a future meeting for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of raising funding for the installation of an elevator. The Commission agreed to nominate a secretary for the Commission at the February 2012 meeting to fill the vacancy created by Barbara Jones's decision not to seek a seventh term on the Commission.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.