

Minutes of Sharon Commission on Disabilities 30 March 2016

Present: Paul Remy, Geila Anderson, Susan Myerson , Amy Karas, Jana Katz , Lois Diamond, Peter Melvin.

Absent: Chanie Minkowitz

Guest: Senator Timilty

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M.

Treasurer Report:

Ticket Fund:\$1292.57

Donations: \$2901.07

Town Budget:\$33.72

OLD BUSINESS

Sen Timilty attended and stated that the Architectural Access Board Bill (AAB) will be brought up again. It previously passed the Senate, not the house. It will require pre 1996 private businesses to conform

to the ADA requirements. The businesses could be fined or closed down with an appeals process included.

Jana made a motion that Sen. Timilty be on our upcoming local TV show. Passed.

Jana will speak at town meeting re: Budget appropriations for Town Hall renovations in order to meet ADA standards. Several members of the Commission will meet with the finance committee at their meeting on April 25, 2016 at the Community Center at 7:30 PM.

Paul will continue to contact persons and write an article for the Sharon Advocate explaining the importance of making Town Hall accessible.

The Ames's Street playground handicapped access project was discussed.

The local tv show was discussed with information on the Commission and education on the Ames Street playground and Town Hall

accessability as subjects. Sharon Patch and The Sharon Advocate will be notified before each show. Names were proposed for the show

but not decided on.

Handicapped parking and misuse of handicapped placards will be discussed at our April meeting by Deputy Chief Ford and Police Chief Kaufman.

NEW BUSINESS

Peter suggested that the Board have associate members who could help with items such as events as fundraising. They would be

able to attend meetings but not make up a quorum. They would be eligible to officially join the Commission when members resign.

Paul contacted the Board of Selectman's secretary informing her that the Commission needs a ninth member.

Geila told the Commission that there is an Availability Film Festival on April 3-13. The website is: www.ReelBoston.org

NEXT MEETING: April 27, 2016

ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 PM

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