

Sharon Disability Commission - Minutes

May 27, 2015

Meeting location: Sharon Community Center

Meeting start: 7:07 pm

Present: Paul Remy, Lois Diamond, Susan Myerson, Peter Melvin, Jana Katz, Geila Aronson, Sandy Biber

Absent: Jim Waters

Guests: Bonnie Klane

Note: the minutes refer to "Paul's Notes", a document prepared by Paul as an extended agenda, dated 5/27/15. Please see accompanying document for any additional information.

The meeting opened with a request by Paul that commissioners let him know when their terms expire. Paul also reviewed our current membership and the number of members needed to constitute a quorum.

Paul also introduced our guest, Bonnie Klane, and she gave the commission a brief statement of her interest in the commission.

- I. The minutes of April 22, 2015 were reviewed and accepted.
- II. Treasurer's report
 - \$2,142.57 in ticket fund
 - \$2,476.97 in donation fund
 - \$4,619.54 in available funds

Administrative funds remain at \$500.00.

There was some discussion regarding use of administrative funds; the group wondered if these could be used for banners (for the DAD event and for the 250 Anniversary parade). Geila will request clarification of the town.

Jana had not had an opportunity to find out how many tickets have been written since our last update; she will do so ahead of the June meeting.

- III. Old Business
 - A. Train Station
 - Paul noted that there is neither handicapped parking nor a curb cut allowing nearby wheelchair/scooter access to the accessible platform. Jana agreed to ask the town about this.

Paul emailed the selectmen's secretary to see if they had heard from the MBTA regarding dedicating the platform to Sid Rosenthal; they have not. She will follow up.

B. Town Accessibility

There was some discussion of town meeting, and the decision of the town to approve the accessibility study. All were pleased.

C. High School Scholarship

The Commission signed the necessary form to provide funds for a \$750 scholarship to a graduating SHS senior.

D. 250th Anniversary

a. Parade

There was some discussion about participating in the parade. Paul had obtained information about the route and start time. We discussed the need for some accommodation for commission (and possibly other town members) who might not be able to walk the length of the route. Paul agreed to ask what accommodations might be possible.

b. Anniversary Ball

Please see Paul's notes. There was discussion regarding purchasing a table for the commission; it was agreed that we didn't want to do this.

E. ADA Anniversary T-Shirt

Neither Paul nor Susan have heard back from the Binah School regarding possible sales of T-Shirts. Jana will check with the Wilbur School. Sandy will check with businesses at Heights Plaza. Sandy will make and distribute a flyer to commission members.

F. Equipment for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Paul reported that the planned meeting to discuss possible purchases with Jonathan O'Dell from the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing regarding equipment that our commission hopes to purchase for the town has been postponed. He hopes to schedule this in June.

G. Disability Awareness Day

Paul reported that the fees for the deposit and hourly rental were waived by the selectmen. Please see "Paul's notes" for an update on the DAD subcommittee meetings and current results. Lois reported that she has heard back from 6 groups to date regarding their attendance at the event.

H. Square Jam

There was discussion regarding participation in the Square Jam. We agreed that we want to participate. For T-shirt sales, this will mean that we need to distribute an order form, as money cannot be exchanged during the event.

There was discussion regarding having a banner made for the DAD event, the 250 Anniversary parade, and the Square Jam. We discussed various sizes of banners; one large enough to hang on Main Street, one to hang on the wall for the DAD and one to put on the table for the Square Jam. It was agreed that Susan will do some general research on banner types and costs, Paul will inquire about putting banners up across Main Street, and that Geila will clarify if our administrative funds can be used towards purchasing a banner (or banners). This information will be brought back to the next Commission meeting.

I. Playground Accessibility

Please see Paul's notes. It was agreed to table this discussion until after the DAD event.

IV. New Business

There was no new business.

Next meeting:

It was agreed to hold the next Commission meeting on June 17 at the Community Center. The next DAD subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 9, at the Hixson Farm Road Community building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Biber