

Sharon Commission on Disabilities

Location and Meeting: Sharon Adult Center, Library

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Called to Order at 7:02 pm

Minutes

Attendance: Paul Remy, Susan Myerson, Susan Friedman, Peter Melvin, Geila Aronson, Lois Diamond, Amy Karas, Jana Katz – plus, Fred Turkington and Rob

Non – Attendance: Geila Aronson Amy Karas, Jana Katz

- Public Input
- Approval of Minutes – approval of June minutes
- Treasurer's report – no report – Geila on vacation

Old Business Discussed:

Town Hall Project; seen as a needed benefit for residents

- Unanimous vote by the Commission on Disability to support the project
- Paul wrote an article to the Advocate – Rob is going to help it get published – black out period for support of measures on the ballot is two weeks before the meeting
- Warrant will arrive at houses around October 20
- Fred walked us through the background of the project – sufficient funding reserved without raising taxes
- Important to remember that the town needs to make the building accessible and could be levied a \$1000 fine for not doing so. Remember, it is a 55 year-old building.
- Educating the town to this fact should be top priority. This can be done through video education on SCTV and/or articles placed on Everything Sharon and What's Up Sharon
- Should work with the Committee formulating the Master Plan on ways to help make Sharon a more accessible plan – although the new town hall is aligned with the Master Plan but is not part of it.
- Ames Street Playground project – the Gaga Pit is being constructed and will be finished this Sunday – 8.27. Might think about putting some accessibility signage around it.

New Business Discussed:

Grant to install locks on public access housing – Community Access Monitor Training discussion

Next Meeting – September 27 Meeting called to adjourn at 8:02 pm