

## **Foxborough Commission on Disability**

### **Minutes of April 16, 2014**

**Members Present:** Sue Collins, Andrea Parsons, Margaret Chaisson, Charlie Hobbs, Richard Biggieri, and Bill Casbarra.

**Chapter 40: Section 22G Warrant Article:** The Advisory Committee unanimously voted to approve this warrant article. Hopefully all will go smoothly because the Board of Selectmen also unanimously supported the warrant article. Paul DeFazio, Chairman has invited us to come to one of their meetings. Sue said she would contact them.

**Payson Road Recreation Area:** Town Planner Sharon Wason was unable to attend. Bill stated that bids will go out mid-May. When a contractor is selected, hopefully construction will start in July and be completed in October. Sharon appreciated the Commission's input and the expertise of Jeff Dougan of the Massachusetts Office on Disability. Parking spaces will be closer to the field and paths will be widened. To make picnic tables more accessible, some kind of material needs to be put underneath the tables to make wheelchairs easier to maneuver. When the project is about 75% complete, we will contact Jeff Dougan of MOD to inspect the area to make sure it is as accessible as possible.

**News Article:** Margaret and Andrea wrote a great article for the Foxboro Reporter (see attached). Hopefully it will go in the May 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the newspaper, just before Town Meeting on May 12.

**Regional Coordinating Council (RCC):** Sharon, Tony and Cindy attended the hearing on area transportation. Margaret intends to go to the next meeting. The date is yet to be determined. There has to be some coordination between GATRA and the Ride to help the citizens in Foxborough. Richard asked about rides to Veterans' Hospitals. Bill told him to contact Michael Johns, Veterans' Affairs coordinator.

**Gillette Stadium:** The Commission is looking forward to our June meeting at Gillette Stadium. We hope this will be the beginning on an ongoing productive relationship to ensure that all will be able to access the stadium and Patriot Place.

**Business Meeting:** Charlie is going to attend the *Make Your Community More Accessible* presented by the MOD May 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. We are sure Charlie will bring valuable information back to our Commission.

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Bill to accept the March Minutes, seconded by Andrea; motion passed.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Charlie, seconded by Richard; motion passed.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 @ 3 PM at Boyden Library Conference Room**

Respectfully submitted by Sue Collins and Cindy Curran