

**Foxborough Commission on Disability**  
**Minutes of June 24, 2015**

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

**Reflections on Sharon Wason** – Bill stated that a Pavilion will be donated in Sharon’s name at the Payson Road Recreation Area where Sharon spent so much time to develop. Sharon’s intellect and talent were boundless. She was always “the smartest one in the room” yet she was the kindest person who always tried to help everyone she could, especially young people in her field. Several Commission members contributed to a scholarship in Sharon’s name to help female students of engineering and urban planning. Sharon will be missed.

**Brochures:** Bill brought in our new brochures. The glossy paper and color will make them easy to recognize. They will be distributed to various town offices/buildings in Foxboro. Thanks Bill!

**Regional Coordinating Council (RCC) Meeting** – Margaret stated that Cindy attended the meeting regarding transportation issues in Norwood. Many groups were represented including Veterans, GATRA, hospitals and citizens groups. Everyone agreed that Foxborough and all our surrounding towns need more transportation options. The next RCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th 10-11:30 at the Sharon Adult Center/Sharon Community Center. The meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (none in August). September 16th 1-2:30, at HESSCO, Sharon and October 21st, 1- 2:30, at HESSCO, Sharon.

**Award For Excellence – North Attleboro Commission on Disability** – Andrea and Margaret attended North Attleboro’s meeting. They gave out 2 awards recognizing those who are helping people with disabilities, one for a company and one for a caregiver. They put an application form on their website and in some newspapers. The Commission presented the award at North Attleboro’s Strawberry Festival. Our Commission would like to present our own Awards for Excellence in the spring. We have many extraordinary people who work in group homes, day programs and run organizations like Foxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council. The Foxboro Reporter recognized Sara Freudenberg who started a special education program for children who are disabled in Belize. We would also like to recognize a company who goes out of their way to help their patrons who have a disability. Perhaps we will check *Able Road*.

**Minutes:** Sue asked Bill for clarification on the sidewalk issue. Bill suggested that “when feasible” be added so the sentence will read: “Sidewalks will be added from closest to town and then outwards **when feasible**.” A motion was made by Margaret to accept the amended May Minutes, seconded by Richard. Motion passed.

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Andrea, seconded by Charlie; motion passed.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 @ 3:00 PM at the Boyden Library**

Respectfully submitted, Sue Collins

