

**Foxborough Commission on Disability
Minutes of November 14, 2012**

Members Present:

Sue Collins, Charlie Hobbs, Tony Williams, Margaret Chaisson, Bill Casbarra

Guest: Sheri Barrett, Patti Flowers, Sharon Wason

Discussion of Sidewalk Plan

Sharon Wason has tapped into various resources to compile a sidewalk map. However the new software and the GIS are incompatible so Sharon is not able to print out a map as soon as she wanted. As she studied the sidewalks and handicapped parking around town, she discovered that the **curb ramps** are not near the handicapped parking spots. The 3 **handicapped parking spots** on the Common, the spots behind the Boch Building and the 11 spots near the center of town do not make sense. Sharon would like to organize a walk audit. She has a Grant from the EPA to address the sidewalk access. **Sharon wants to: 1. Prepare a map; 2. Organize a walking tour/audit.** Sharon will write the Massachusetts Commission on Disability to see if that is possible.

Minutes

Motion to accept Minutes of September 19, 2012 was made by Charlie, second by Margaret. Motion passed.

Article for Town Warrant

Sue explained why we need to have **Article 9 on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting** on December 13. We needed to change our name and increase the number of people on our Commission from 7 to 9. **Bill** went on to explain that the original Article that established our Committee has several flaws and we need to **align ourselves with the other Commissions on Disability throughout the state.**

Introduction of 2 Candidates for the Opening on the Commission

Sue introduced **Sheri Barrett**, a nurse, who wants to advocate for people who are disabled. **Patricia Flowers-Elovitz** stated that she was the primary caregiver for an older sister that had disability. She also would like to work for the citizens of Foxborough who are disabled. Everyone then introduced themselves and gave a brief description of why they are motivated to work for the Foxborough Commission.

Cable Show Update

Tony is highly motivated to work on a show for FCA but his health problems have hampered him. **Margaret** stated that they work on a name for the show that would be appealing. Tony, Margaret and Bill will email each other to figure out when they can schedule a future date.

Brochure

Margaret produced a sample of an informational brochure that Bill can have on hand at Town Hall or in other locations for newcomers to Foxboro that have a disability. The layout is good but everyone on the Commission agreed that they did not want their personal email addresses listed. Bill's official email address is sufficient. Margaret and Bill will work on a final product. Hopefully at our next meeting, we can approve the final product and Bill will get it printed. Sue would like students at the high school do the folding.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Margaret, second by Charlie; motion passed.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2013, Wednesday at 3 PM at Town Hall.