

**Foxborough Commission on Disability
Minutes of January 16, 2013**

Members Present:

Sue Collins, Charlie Hobbs, Cindy Curran, Margaret Chaisson, Bill Casbarra

Guest: Patti Flowers

Report from the Department of Transportation Hearing & Discussion of Sidewalk Plan - Sharon Wason

These were tabled because Sharon was unable to attend today. **Margaret** did report that there are **new guidelines from The Ride in Metro-Boston. Your physician will no longer write a letter saying you are qualified** for this transportation. The **Department of Transportation** is building a huge facility in Charlestown and there will be other facilities build in different districts. **A “consultant” will deem if you are qualified.**

Minutes – Sue Collins

Bill amended the Minutes of September 19, 2012. Patti and Sheri should be listed under Guests until the Attorney General approves our decision to have the Foxborough Commission on Disability follow the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 8J. Then we can formally recommend both to the Board of Selectmen. A motion was made by Bill to accept the Minutes as amended, second by Charlie. Motion passed.

By-Laws Revision– Sue Collins

Bill Casbarra brought a copy of the **Municipal Commissions on Disability** from the **Massachusetts Office on Disability**. This was a sample of what the By-Laws of the local Commissions on Disability should be modeled after. We went through each section and inserted the verbiage that would be appropriate for the Town of Foxborough. Sue will type it up, have it edited by the Commission and have it ready for the May meeting.

After the By-Laws sample, the **Massachusetts Office on Disability** **provided some Goals that local Commissions could work on.** Sue or Bill will get a copy of these to everyone. It was suggested that everyone look at these goals and see what we could work on in Foxborough.

Brochure

Margaret produced the final copy of an informational brochure that Bill can have on hand at Town Hall, Council on Aging and in other locations for

newcomers to Foxboro that have a disability. There was one minor correction. Margaret will get 250 copies made by a group of students at Foxboro High School. Bill will get money from his money for the project.

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
The MA DESE sent out a Parent Survey to “determine how well your child’s school is partnering with parents and guardians and promoting involvement in their child’s education”. Make your voice heard. You may log on to <http://MAparent1.com> starting January 28, 2013.

Massachusetts Office on Disability
Jeff Dougan, the Assistant Director for Community Service let us know that he would like to visit as many local Commissions on Disability as possible. After some discussion, Margaret thought it would be a great idea to host a regional meeting. Bill will look for a venue, possibly a room at Gillette Stadium. Margaret will coordinate the event. Jeff can be our guest speaker. Hopefully we can plan for March.

Calendar for 2013

March 20

May 15

July 17

September 18

November 20

Adjourn

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

Next Meeting: March 20, 2013, Wednesday at 3 PM at Town Hall.