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Foxborough Committee for Disabled Citizens Minutes of March 14, 2012

Members Present:

Sue Collins, Richard Biggiari, Cindy Curran, Margaret Chaisson, Charlie Hobbs, Tony Williams, Bill Casbarra

"Accessibility Awareness" – Tony

Tony has many ideas for a cable access show presenting disability issues.

The programs could be monthly and be 30 minutes in length.

Possible topics: ADA- the law, Assistive Technology, Etiquette with people with disabilities, feature a person.

Tony would be the host. Margaret could help with the cameras.

Programs could possibly be uploaded to our website.

Margaret, Sue, Cindy and Bill are interested.

Margaret will speak to Mike Webber of FCA.

Tony and Bill could co-host the first show.

Need an article in the Foxboro Reporter. Bill will speak to Frank Mortimer.

FCA is under construction so the first show will probably be at the high school. April is our target date.

Watertown Cable Access has a show of this nature.

Transportation Study Update – Bill

Sharon Wason, the Town Planner was unable to attend. Bill stated that Sharon requested \$25,000 from the Planning Board budget for a feasibility study for more transportation for people with disabilities here in Foxboro. Sharon will make a presentation to the Advisory Board for a consultant to perform a demographic study.

The Rotary Club has \$10,000 they would like to donate for a good cause. Bill suggested the money could be used to help veterans get more services from GATRA. Bill could make a presentation to the Rotary Club that meets monthly.

Website - Tony

Tony would like our website to be more accessible to people with different disabilities. Bill will contact "Virtual Town Hall". Perhaps they can provide us with website services to make it more accessible. Language translations are also available which would overcome language barriers. Type should be enlarged for the visibly challenged. Tony suggested several links that could be added such as Personal Care Attendants, Easter Seals, etc. Discussion ensued that we do not want too many links that could be overwhelming. Margaret has many links to many organizations. She will email her contacts to Tony.

Brochures

Discussion that we should make businesses more aware of people with disabilities. Perhaps our Committee could produce a brochure. Margaret will investigate if other towns or the state has such a brochure. If so, we can use that as a template.

Patriots Place

Discussion of curb cuts, steep ramp by Bar Louie, and the huge door to Toby Keith Bar that is difficult to open. Bill will call Dan Murphy of Patriot Place about our concerns.

Minutes

Motion to accept Minutes of January 18, 2012 made by Margaret; second by Tony. Motion passed.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Cindy; second by Richard. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2012 at 3 PM at Town Hall