

Fairhaven Commission on Disability

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Meeting May 9, 2012 at the Fairhaven Council on Aging
Open Meeting 7:05

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Members:

Present: Charlie Murphy
Valdemar DeOliveira
Brian Rego
Ronnie Medina
Mary Lorenzo
Trina Bigham
Joseph Borelli
Anne Silvia

Absent: Paul Schroeder
Diane Rocha
Lisa Plante

Guest: Mrs. DeOliveira
Eugene Roberts

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- Commission reviewed minutes from the last meeting. Val motioned to accept the minutes and Brian 2nd. Minutes were accepted.
- Treasure's report-Charlie announced that the FY13 budget was reduced by \$400.00 from \$1,900 to \$1500.00.

Old Business:

- Val will get documentation from Burger King re: door.

New Business:

- Charlie received a letter from Anne Carreiro who requests that all boards, commissions and department heads provide a letter stating who is designated to sign for bills, invoices, payrolls and any other transactions for the FY 2013. A letter was drafted tonight and all those with authority to sign, did sign the letter. Awaiting return of Diane Rocha for her signature and letter will be brought to Pau Schroeder's home for him to sign. The letter will then be sent to Anne Carreiro.
- Charlie made the following announcements:
 1. Ma Office of Disability will be having a workshop entitled "Make your Community More Accessible" on Wed. June 6, 2012 and Thurs. June 7, 2012 from 9-4.
 2. Guide Dog Walk will be held June 10, 2012 at 1pm in Salem.
 3. Home Modification Program loans up to \$30,000.00 with 0% interest for people with disabilities to make adaptations to their homes.
508-202-5919 or
 4. Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund is available through the MA Dept of Public Health, 250 Washington St., Boston, MA 02108-4619 1-800-882-1435
- Charlie announced that Katie Brianzo has been nominated for an award through APSE on June 27, 2012. He states Katie's mother Karen Fostin, Brian Rego and his mother, and Charlie will be attending the event in Washington. Trina motioned to approve \$575.00 to be used from the budget for this conference. (\$385.00 /Charlie and \$190.00/Brian). Mary seconded the motion. All were in favor. Let it be noted that Charlie turned the meeting over to Trina (vice chair) for this matter. Charlie and Brian abstained from the vote.

- Anne informed the meeting members of the progress of the Disabilities Awareness Fair that will take place on June 9th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Fairhaven COA. Thirty three vendors have been informed of the fair and to date 12 have responded yes. The fair committee members meet every other Thursday night at 5:00pm at the Fairhaven COA. Next meeting will be 5/17/2012.
- Brain mentioned that he thought McDonald's had a missing handicap sign in the parking lot.
- Mary Lorenzo announced that her term as treasurer terminates in June and she will not be continuing in that seat. She stated she will however attend the meeting in June. She stated that the next treasurer should have a copy of the by-laws.
- Charlie suggested that Paul should hold off on correcting the letterhead with new member names and titles until June when a new treasurer is elected.

Closing comments: the next meeting will be June 5, 2012 at 5 pm at the Fairhaven Coa.
Trina motioned to adjourn and Mary seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Silvia