

# Fairhaven Commission on Disability Meeting 09-20-2017 @ FCOA

**Present:** Charlie Murphy , Diane Rocha , Anne Silvia, Brian Rego, Donna Lavallee, Joe Borelli, Ronnie Medina, and Maria Walker

**Absent:** Mark Rees, Trina Bigham, Waldemar DeOliviers and Maria DeOliviera

## **I Open Meeting** 6:40

**II Review last meeting minutes 05-10-2017** Anne Silvia moved to approve minutes, Ronnie Medina seconded. All voted in favor of accepting minutes.

**III Treasurers** Anne Silvia reported no changes. \$ 400.00, which were approved earlier for the sign language class, will be paid out this fall. Ann wants to offer "Sand for Seniors" this year again, and buckets will possibly be donated. If not, the Commission on Disability will carry the cost. Maria Walker moved that \$ 200.00 be approved to purchase buckets, Diane Rocha seconded. All voted in favor. Brian moved that the treasure report is approved, Ronnie seconded, all voted in favor.

**IV Town Information** Mark absent. Charlie Murphy mentioned that ideas for Roger School have been discussed further. Harassment training is offered to all town volunteers at Town Hall.

## **V Old Business:**

- Nothing new to report.
- New Commission member Marcus Ferro was invited to the meeting, but not able to attend.

## **VI New Business**

- Disaster Preparedness Presentations: A meeting was held with around 30 attendees. Everyone was able to bring home an Emergency Backpack. This year the focus was on persons with disabilities.
- Sign language class: Robbie Martin, who is deaf, has offered to hold the classes. He works for New Bedford School District. 15 persons have signed up and there is still a waiting list. Classes will start on October 11 at 6 pm and will be presented as an 8 week program. Possibly a new class will be offered in February. Donna Lavallee suggested that an evaluation be done, to see how the class is received.
- MOD update: November 10, "Disability Issues Today" will be presented. September 23-27, "Community Access Monitor" will be held. For more information and the calendar, visit [www.mass.gov/mod](http://www.mass.gov/mod).
- Donna mentioned a problem with cars parked for extended time in the handicap parking spots on town properties. Are there regulations? The recommendation is to reach out to the police in town.
- Maria Walker mentioned a grant offered through Family Caregiver Alliance that could apply to the COA Social Day Program. Maria will forward the application to Anne Silvia.
- Joe Borelli mentioned the Equifax breach and asked if there is any extra information for seniors. A short discussion followed.

**VII Next Meeting Date** Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 29, 2017 at 6.30 pm at the Fairhaven COA.

## **IX Closing comments and adjournment**

- \*No further business. Brian Rego motioned to adjourn, Donna Lavallee seconded, all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

*Approved 11/29/17*

Respectfully submitted Maria Walker