Fairhaven Commission on Disability

Meeting Minutes September 26, 2018

Present: Charlie Murphy, Anne Silvia, Diane Rocha, Ronnie Medina, Mark Rees, Donna Lavallee, Joe Boreli, Donna

Lavallee, Marcus Ferro, Brian Rego

Absent: Trina Bigham, Ronnie Medina,

Guests: Karen Valandry, Mandy Aquino from SRTA, Vinnie Furtado from BPW

I. OPEN MEETING 6:40

Il Review of Last Meeting Minutes (6-13-18) Diane motioned to accept minutes, Donna seconded, All voted in favor, Accepted last meeting minutes

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nothing new to report.

Still trying to find a new sign language teacher.

Sand for seniors will be coming up soon. It is being sponsored by the Lions Club

IV. TOWN INFORMATION

Per Mark the Facilities Improvement Plan is for all town buildings to be handicapped accessible. Two more Automatic Door Openers planned for Town Hall.

Special Town Meeting November 13, 2018 at 7PM

Halloween Outreach program on October 28th 5pm-7pm in Town Hall auditorium

V. OLD BUSINESS

HD Parking -Nothing new on HD Parking

Membership: Welcome to new commission member Kelly Smith. Per Charlie we now have a full membership. Also let commission know Ronnie, who had surgery is doing well. Joe leaving for Florida 11-1-18

VI NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Per Vinnie/BPW SERTA. Explained the snow removal policy. 105 miles of road to clear in town. Their primary goal is to make sure emergency vehicles can get where they need to in town, Sidewalk snow removal is the responsibility of the property owner. Donna suggested putting in newspaper or Fairhaven news information about Plowing. Schools have their own plan for snow removal and clear their own snow.
- 2. Per Mandy/SRTA they have directed all of their supervisors and drivers that to accommodate people with Handicaps and during snow, anyone waving should be picked up by the bus. They do not have to be at a bus stop. All buses have ramps that lower and 2-4 handicapped seating areas. General discussion of bus shelters, how they determine where they are, who is responsible to keep them clear. Maria will draft a letter to request shelters for Fairhaven. Two places they would be useful is at Walmart and the Staples Plaza.
- 3. Charlie forwards all MOD notifications/ Upcoming Events:
 - MOD Disability Summit October 15, 2018
 - Town of Fairhaven Boards and Committee's Handbook distributed to the membership
- 4. Commission will have its own e-mail address under town of Fairhaven.
- 5. Membership should continue reviewing ADA information so that we can update in the future.

Next meeting will be 11-28-18 6:30 at Senior Center

No other business to discuss. Marcus motioned to adjourn, Lee seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 8:01

Respectfully Submitted Diane Rocha

approved 11/28/18