

## Fairhaven Commission on Disability

Meeting Minutes February 28, 2018

Present: Charlie Murphy, Anne Silvia, Diane Richa, Maria Walker, Brian Rego, Ronnie Medina, Mark Rees, Donna Lavalley, Marco Ferro, Joe Boreli-On speaker phone

Absent: Trina Bigham, Val DeOliviera, Maria DeOliviera

Guest: Manuel Machado

### OPEN MEETING 6:40

Review of Last Meeting Minutes (11-29-17) Brien motioned to accept minutes, Marcos seconded, All voted in favor, Accepted last meeting minutes

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Per Anne, we have expended \$400 on the sign language course. We now have \$900. The next course will also cost \$400.

### TOWN INFORMATION

Per Mark the Facilities Improvement Plan has all town buildings being Handicapped accessible. Community Preservation Funds were used for Automatic Door Openers for Town Hall. The biggest accessibility problem is at the Post Office The last ADA Plan for the town was in 1994. Discussion of an updating ADA plan. Charlie motioned to use money left in commission monies to make copies of ADA Plan for member review and updating. Donna seconded, all members voted in favor of making 12 copies.

Wellness outreach for town employees will be 3:00 on March 12<sup>th</sup> at COA

Coastline will be having their yearly Health Fair at the Fairhaven Rec. Center 10:00-2:00 May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Quinn will have a presentation on Elder Abuse on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Whites Event Center

Requests for HD parking sign on the street should go to Laurie Cannon, who will evaluate situation. There will need to be Curb Cuts made at requesters experience.

### OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new on HD Parking

Per Anne, Sand for Seniors did happen thanks to Bill Moniz and members of the Lion's Club. 30-35 buckets were filled and delivered. 12 of those were new elders

General discussion of plowing issues during storms. Difficulties plowing and for People in wheel chairs trying to safely use public Transportation. Bus stops being unplowed. Charlie will ask Fairhaven BPW and SERTA to the next meeting

### MEMBERSHIP

Per Charlie we now have a full membership

### NEW BUSINESS

Conflict of Interests are all signed

Charlie forwards all MOD notifications. ADA Accommodator meeting in Boston may 14<sup>th</sup>. On 11-27-17 they have increased the penalties for misuse of HD Plaque or Plate. \$500-1000 plus criminal penalties.

General discussion of violators of HD parking spots. Per Mark, persons should call the Fairhaven Police Dept.

MO-LIFE Gala at Whites on April 6<sup>th</sup> will feature Miss Massachusetts, a Patriot's player, and Celtic Dancers.

Home Modification Loan Program is a collaboration between Mass. Rehabilitation Commission and CEDAC- Community Economic Development Assistance Corp.

Next meeting will be 4-25-18

No other business to discuss. Maria motioned to adjourn, Brien seconded. All voted in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38

Respectfully Submitted Diane Rocha

*approved 4/25/18*