

Acton Commission on Disability
Minutes
May 8, 2008

Members Present: J. Feasel, B Maimone, J Nigro and B. Viola.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

April Minutes were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: The person in charge of the Friends of The Acton Disabled Account at the Middlesex Savings Bank would like to relinquish the account to the COD. We need to find out how this can be done. Brenda will contact the Finance Department to ask about this and the Gift Fund. Jean will contact Susan who is the authorized signer of the MSB Account.

Lisa has ordered additional pamphlet holders to be placed in the Building Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Community Plan – Vision Session: The next meeting is May 31st. Lisa will give us an update at our June Meeting.

Boundless Playground Application: Jean wrote a letter via email to Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director noting our support and assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to Selectman on “People First” Language: We reviewed the letter submitted by Lisa. We moved to send letter with some improvements by Brenda. The purpose of the letter is to heighten awareness of terminology in reference to people with disabilities. Letter to be sent to Lauren Rosenzweig.

Presentation to Open Door Theatre Board : Kids On The Block Puppets: Jean's purpose was to identify a group within the theatre's membership to be trained in the use of the puppets so that they could do presentation in the community. The Theatre Board had several suggestions for other group that we could contact: Parker School at Devens, Gann Academy (private school), and Maynard Girl Scout troop. Another idea was placing our web address as a link from their website. We approved this link.

Playground Tour: Lisa is going on a playground tour with Cambridge COD.

Town Emergency Preparedness Meeting: Lisa and Doug Halley, Health Department, are attending a MOD training on May 15th. After this meeting, Doug will attend our June meeting. At this time, we can further discuss the **Shelter Accessibility Checklist**.

Announcement: DMR Human Rights Conference June 10th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Viola,
Secretary