

**Town of Acton  
Commission on Disability  
Minutes  
August 12, 2010  
Acton Town Hall, Faulkner Room 204  
7:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Danny Factor, Lisa Franklin, Chair and Brenda Viola, Secretary.

**Members Absent:** Joy Kohout.

**Associate Member Present:** John Brako.

**Guests:** Mike Gowing, Board of Selectman Liaison and Paul Turner, COA Representative and Mathias Rosenfeld, Architect of WAVE Project.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair, Lisa Franklin at 7:25 pm.

**Topics:**

**Minutes from July 8<sup>th</sup>** were approved with corrections. May 1<sup>st</sup> minute's approval was tabled.

**WAVE Proposal** presented by Mathias Rosenfeld in response to the variances. A Hearing is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm. Mathis reviewed the two issues concerning people with disabilities without the use of an elevator:

1. From the parking lot, Massachusetts Avenue would not be readily accessible.
2. access to all floors in the building would not be available

One solution for accessibility is to offer a common conference room on the first floor. Another is to offer a van accessible parking space on Massachusetts Avenue, but this may not meet the Architectural Access Board regulations for Handicapped Parking Spaces. Mathias' firm has considered many other options which failed to improve accessibility. The elevator proved to be financially impossible.

**Handicapped Parking Fines and Letter to Steve Ledoux:** Tabled until next meeting.

**AAB Training:** Awaiting date from Tom Hopkins, Director.

**Acton Cable Access Television (ACAT):** Mike has suggested using ACAT for making the COD and the issues of people with disabilities more visible. The use of this venue can educate the public in many ways. For example:

- Abuse of Handicapped Parking and access aisles
- Barriers that prevent access in our every day lives
- How to deal with different disabilities, seen and unseen
- Film a person using a wheelchair for a day in the Acton

**Farmer's Market:** COD can use a booth in September; a date is to be determined.

**Restaurant Complaints (Scupper Jacks, Il Fornos, and Atlantic Sea Grill):** Tabled.

**Building Community:** Tabled.

**Open Meeting Law:** Town will be offering another training session on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Transportation Guide:** Tabled.

**Letter to Gordon Lagrow:** Mike presented a letter he had written to Gordon for our review.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Viola, Secretary