

Belmont Disability Access Commission

Meeting Minutes: 13 November 2003

Present: Kathy Allen, Susan Burgess, Ray Glazier, Laurie Graham, Janet Macdonald. (A quorum was present.)

Absent: Celeste Andrade, Art Heron (Associate), William Rodi (Associate), Carole Williams, Francis Williams (Associate).

The meeting was called to order in the Staff Room of the Belmont Memorial Library (as posted) at 7:05 PM.

Minutes from the last Commission Meeting on 20 September were read, amended, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Disability Assistance Program Report: No phone calls to the Commission's Town Hall line since the last meeting. There was discussion of how best to publicize the program and the Commission itself. It was suggested that an early 2004 public reception with refreshments be held. An Event Planning Committee was appointed, consisting of: Kathy Allen, Susan Burgess, and Laurie Graham.

Laurie Graham offered to coordinate with the Council on Aging to make sure that the DAP was not duplicating their services.

Reports were given of Commission activities celebrating October as Disability Awareness Month: Library displays in both the Adult and Children's sections of the Belmont Memorial Library, Concord Avenue; the Commission Chair's Guest Perspective piece "Respecting Persons with Disabilities" in the *Belmont Citizen-Herald*.

HP Parking Fines Fund report: Balance as of 10/31/03 was \$38,441, per the Town Treasurer; the revenue stream is approximately \$500 per month. Regarding the imposition of these fines, it was suggested that the new Police Chief be invited to the January meeting of the Commission to discuss the matter.

Susan Burgess raised the issue of potential liability in connection with the Disability Assistance Program, offering to investigate how similar programs deal with that and the confidentiality issue. She presented materials concerning Criminal Records Checks for the Commission's consideration.

No further action being taken, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Recorded as understood and respectfully submitted, Celeste M. Andrade, Secretary

Amended and approved by voice vote of the Commission, 15 January 2004