

Belmont Disability Access Commission

Meeting Minutes: November 29, 2007

Present: Ray Glazier, Laurie Graham (Chair), Janet Macdonald, Joan Hantman (Secretary)  
Absent: Patricia Livingstone-Espiet (Associate), Gopal Gupta, Carole Williams, Nan Donald (Associate), Fran Williams

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm in the Belmont Town Hall by Laurie Graham

1. Treasurer's report: We have \$31,620.97 in our account. \$2860.50 has been promised to Joe for the video.
2. Meeting minutes from October 24 were approved as amended.
3. Status of Disability Awareness Video: Committee has not yet met with Joe. Committee has tried to contact him regarding setting up a meeting, but there has been no response yet.
4. Joan will get an invoice from Fernald for folding the BDAC flyers. The committee will pay \$100 for the project.
5. Wellington School Building Committee met with Belmont members. School is at "feasibility" stage.
6. Senior Center went out to bid. Ground breaking is expected in 2008. Janet is keeping abreast of access issues and indoor and outdoor signage issues. Return date for bids is Dec. 19.
7. Committee has been asked to be a co-sponsor for the Martin Luther King Day activities. Request for Committee to pay for a sign interpreter (~\$250). Moved and approved.
8. Emergency Management Plan: Laurie met with Health Director and Emergency Management Planning Director. Disability Policy Consortium is asking towns about emergency preparedness. There will be an April electric company mailing asking people to self-identify regarding specific needs. At this time the Town has no coordinated transportation for emergencies. The Emergency Planning Group is trying to get a registry of those with special needs. The committee has offered to help publicize trainings, let people know about this plan ahead of time, alert people to the issues and encourage people to feel comfortable about self-identifying. At this time Chenery Middle School, Belmont Hill, and Belmont High School have been identified as possible shelter areas.
9. Ramps: Recent newspaper article listed roads scheduled for repair, however there is no specific ramp schedule. Committee will try to make a list of problem areas as we see them and report problems to Laurie who will start a data base.
10. Certificate of appreciation will be given in memory of John Gallagher.
11. Next scheduled meetings: 7:30 pm Thursday, January 24, Feb 28, March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26.
12. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Recorded as understood and respectfully submitted by Joan Hantman, Secretary