



Belmont Disability Access Commission

Meeting Minutes: 25 August 2005

Present: Celeste Andrade, Ray Glazier, Laurie Graham, Janet Macdonald, Carole Williams (A quorum was present.)

Guest Presentation: Joe Doyle (Media Specialist / Video Producer)

Absent: Kathy Allen, Joan Hantman, William Rodi (Associate), Fran Williams (Associate).

The meeting was called to order in Conference Room 2 of the Belmont Town Hall at 7:15 PM.

Belmont Disability Access Commission Video Project: Joe Doyle showed a video he had produced on body image, featuring full figure female models in advertising. It was well received. Mr. Doyle offered a proposal for producing a video on disability issues to the Commission; a copy is available from the Commission's secretary. A discussion of the video and the proposal followed.

Part of Emily Abt's PBS documentary, "Take It From Me", featuring the plight of four Welfare mothers, was shown. That documentary was also well received. Ms. Abt was not present, but had given a comparable estimate. A brief discussion followed. It was noted that the Disability Access Commission had met its obligation to receive rough cost quotes from three potential sources. It was suggested that some funds might be raised by soliciting support from other civic organizations in the Town. The video project was then tabled and sent to the subcommittee for further work.

Belmont Disability Assistance Program: Laurie Graham stated that there had been no calls since April. She suggested that a flyer could be placed in the electric bill.

Belmont Disability Access Commission Speakers' Bureau: Celeste Andrade will use the *Belmont Citizen-Herald* to get names of clergy to approach in the hopes of using part of their congregations as future audiences for our speakers.

Town Hall Complex Report: Ray Glazier reported that all buildings are occupied, but noted that there are still some problems.

Belmont ADA Consent Agreement: Ray Glazier reported that Tom Younger said that he and department heads would work up a report on the status of compliance with the Consent Agreement.

Report on accessibility – 105 Trapelo Road: Ray Glazier stated that the café had applied for a variance. Celeste Andrade made a motion to delegate authority for deciding on the access appropriateness of the variance request to Ray Glazier and Fran Williams. Laurie seconded the motion; it was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes from the Commission Meeting on July 21, 2005 were read. Laurie Graham made a motion to approve the minutes. Carole Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Laurie Graham made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM; Janet Macdonald seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

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