

Belmont Disability Access Commission

Meeting Minutes: 18 May 2006

Present: Celeste Andrade, Ray Glazier, Joan Hantman, Janet Macdonald, Fran

Williams (Associate). (A quorum was present.)

Guest: Joe Doyle, Video Producer

Absent: Kathy Allen, Laurie Graham, William Rodi (Associate), Carole Williams

The meeting was called to order in Conference Room 1 of the Belmont Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

Minutes of the March 23, 2006 meeting: Janet Macdonald made the motion to approve the minutes, and Joan Hantman seconded the motion; it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADA Consent Agreement: It was noted that the Agreement has been on Tom Younger's agenda since last July (2005). Celeste Andrade made a motion that Ray Glazier be authorized to contact Tom Younger about the ADA consent agreement. Janet Macdonald seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous voice vote.

[The appended e-mail message from Mr. Younger was sent to the Commission Chair the day of the meeting.]

BDAC Video Project: The video is being produced by Doyle Post Production Services. The purchase order has been delayed. The Commission rescinded the previous agreement with Doyle Post Production and ratified acceptance of Doyle's revised proposal. The motion was made by Ray Glazier, seconded by Joan Hantman, and passed.

Filene's: Filene's applied for a variance to the Massachusetts Architectural Board. They plan to install a chair lift at the rear parking lot entrance to the store and an electric door. Fran Williams stated that the Commission needs a full set of architectural drawings in order to review the variance request. Janet Macdonald made a motion, which Celeste Andrade seconded, that Fran Williams contact the Massachusetts Architectural Board or the Town of Belmont to express Commission concerns.

Phone Number: The Commission's new phone number is 617-993-2796. It is currently operational. Calls to the old number refer the caller to the new number.

Senior Center: Janet Macdonald reported that there will be a hearing on June 5th at the Belmont Public Library before the Zoning and Planning Board to determine whether they can cut back land to allow for parking spaces.

Disability Speakers Bureau: No activity at this time.

Massachusetts Office on Disability: Laurie Graham, Janet Macdonald, and Fran Williams will attend the June 14, 2006 meeting of that organization.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2006, at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Recorded as understood and respectfully submitted,

Celeste M. Andrade, Secretary

Text of Younger e-mail, 18 May 2006, 1:55 PM:

Good afternoon Ray:

I had a previously scheduled Town commitment for this evening.

Counsel has reviewed the information and has informed me that I should review each aspect of the agreement with the appropriate Town Dept. i.e. DPW, etc. to get an update of where we stand on the status of the items presented and our timetables.

I will begin that process after Town Meeting is concluded.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Thank you.

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