



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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### COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**AGENDA: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities** held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Chris Balogh, Joe Petrini, Bryan Barry, Rosalie Cavanaugh, Kathleen Sullivan, Annmarie McConville, Eileen Carpinella

Commissioners Absent: Pat Delaney, Theresa Nevin

Others in Attendance: Bob Gualtieri, ADA Coordinator  
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk

Guest: Richard Helein of Day Spring Lodge

1. Review Minutes of March 14, 2011  
**Mr. Petrini made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Barry seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor. Ms. Cavanaugh abstained.**

2. Correspondence  
There was no correspondence.

3. ADA Coordinator Bob Gualtieri's Report  
Richard Helein was here about two years ago when the Commission was discussing ways to raise funds. He presented bookmarks that his brother made. These will be used along with the Commission brochures for handouts at the business expo on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Helein explained that the Masons are choosing projects over the summer to help people. They are planning to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity on one of their projects. He is here tonight to talk about perhaps a casino night or bingo to raise funds for this Commission. They can sell advance tickets, and have a raffle, door prizes, sell food, and all proceeds to go to the charity. They will probably plan the event in the next two or three months but they are flexible. He remembers that our coffers were low when he was here two years ago. Mr. Helein asked if the Commission want work

with the Masons. They are talking to three organizations about their needs. The event could be held at the lodge. The funds would go to a special event.

**Ms. Sullivan made a motion that the Commission accept Mr. Helein's offer. Ms. McConville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.** Mr. Helein's contact information: 28 Tanglewood Drive 248-9041 [junebugv@aol.com](mailto:junebugv@aol.com)

There was discussion on how the funds could be used. Ms. Carpinella suggested scholarship to an art event or a cooking class or something like that. Play with Grace at the Unitarian Church: a trip to a baseball game, etc. Mr. Petrini suggested a scholarship for a disabled high school student. Ms. Carpinella suggested tee shirts for the people marching in the parade (group home residents). Mr. Petrini said we have to build a relationship with the group home people. At the Business Expo, Ms. McConville and Ms. Sullivan will work the table from 11:00 to 1:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Balogh will also cover the table for part of the day.

#### 4. Committee Reports

Ms. McConville reported that the flyers have gone out for the Spring Fling. The raffle will be for the people who prepaid. If they have not paid they will not be included in the raffle. Annmarie did a draft of the letter to other towns.

#### 5. New Business

Ms. McConville did a draft of the letter to other towns asking them to hold one event per year for the over 21 disabled community.

There was discussion on ordering polo shirts for new commissioners.

There will be a sign up sheet for the Memorial Day Parade at the spring dance for Hamden residents only. Marchers should wear their purple shirts.

There was discussion on introducing a canned goods drive at the fall dance. Tickets would be \$6, with a \$1 discount for bringing a canned food.

At the next meeting of this Commission, we will discuss nominations for disability friendly businesses. Dr. Barry will nominate a printing business that retrofit their business to accommodate a disabled employee.

Joe Petrini wants to send out a letter to the Post Chronicle and the Hamden Journal to see if we can get commission applications. Clerk Tobin will discuss this with Mayor Jackson.

Ms. Carpinella participated in a studio jams arts programs for disabled participants ages 18-30 with mental health issues held at the parachute factory in New Haven. She also attended a program by the New Haven Ballet. Students from the ballet danced with people with mental or physical disabilities. VSA received funding for this program for next year.

#### 6. Adjournment

**Dr. Barry made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Petrini seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk

