



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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### COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**MINUTES: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 14 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:**

Commissioners in Attendance: Chris Balogh, Pat Delaney, Eileen Carpinella, Annmarie McConville, Rosalie Cavanaugh, Jon Dwyer, Barbara Brandon

Commissioners excused: Kathleen Sullivan, Bryan Barry

Also in attendance: Guest Mark DuPont, ADA Coordinator Chris Marchand, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Review Minutes of April 9, 2012

**Ms. McConville made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting. Ms. Carpinella seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

2. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

3. Chairman's Report

Mr. Balogh had nothing to report

4. ADA Coordinator Chris Marchand's Report

Mr. Marchand distributed the outline from the ADACC workshop that he attended, which he felt would be helpful to the Commission. He pointed out specific items including requirements of the 2010 ADA Regulations and how they impact municipal buildings. If you are working on an upgrade in a building, you have to prepare the pathway to that upgrade to meet ADA requirements. This is a huge document that you can access on line. Ms. Delaney was concerned regarding access to the new police building. Mr. Marchand said Section IV describes the significance of the 2010 standards. He also pointed out criteria for restrooms, ramps, parking, etc.

Mr. Marchand reported that CT Fair Housing held their annual conference. He is the fair housing officer for the Town. At the conference they talked about some high profile cases at the federal level. A panel of at least four attorneys brought up a lot of cases of reasonable accommodation – not just ramps, public housing, but also if someone needs a dog for the relief of stress, as opposed to a seeing eye dog.

There was discussion of the lack of a handicap bathroom at Brooksvale Park when the Veterans' Building is closed.

Mr. Marchand reported on a visit to the building at 2440 Whitney Avenue which is lacking some of the ADA requirements. There are medical offices in this older building.

The caretaker of a tenant at Seramonte (609) called him with concerns about access. There is nothing they can force Seramonte to do. They have a ramp, but from the door down to the subject area there is a three inch drop.

Mr. Marchand reported that the two branch libraries are now compliant. They will go over the punch list this week.

#### 5. Committee Reports

Ms. McConville reported that the Spring Fling was a success once again. They had 65 prepaid attendees and 17-20 at the door not counting staff. Ms. McConville said we have enough money to pay the DJ in the future. The Commissioners all had jobs. Ms. Carpinella and her husband were bartenders, some had the door, some handed out food, and a great time was had by all. The custodians were great as usual.

Mr. Balogh reminded everyone that the Commission will be representing itself in the Memorial Day Parade. Several Commissioners will march, and Dr. Barry will drive his convertible.

For the next event, Mr. Balogh has water, Ms. McConville has soda and cups. Ms. McConville will give the updated mailing list to David DeMartino. Next time we hope to get the employee discount at Big Y through Mr. Commissioner Dwyer. She will also provide an updated menu and the cost.

There was discussion on renting a bus to take people to a ball game. Ms. Cavanaugh mentioned using First Student since they provide the school buses. She will check with Julie at the bus company.

There was discussion on renting the Carousel at Lighthouse Park.

Ms. Cavanaugh will contact Quinnipiac for tickets for baseball, hockey, etc. If we are able to secure tickets, we will probably restrict them to Hamden residents.

#### 6. Old Business

#### 7. New Business

#### 8. Adjournment

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

**Ms. Delaney reminded everyone of the June 8<sup>th</sup> opening of Special Olympics. There will be a flag drill team at the opening ceremonies made up of both able and disabled.**

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