

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
Thursday, May 6, 2010  
TOWN HALL DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
4:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Denise Rueger (Chair)  
Noah Parsons (Vice Chair)  
Laura Grunfeld  
Don Perry  
Judy Steindler  
Dave Wells [with the assistance of Nan  
Wells] (Clerk)

Absent: Maryann Hyatt (newly appointed  
Commission member)

Chair Rueger called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the Commission on Disabilities for April 29, 2010 were moved to be approved by Rueger, seconded by Perry, and unanimously approved as written.

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**RUEGER REPORTED THAT SHE HAD CONTACTED OUR NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES' MEMBER, MARYANN HYATT:** Rueger reported that she had contacted Maryann Hyatt and that Maryann had another obligation that would not allow her to make this meeting but she would be able to attend our next meeting on May 20, 2010.

**PARSONS PRESENTED THE FINAL COPY OF THE LETTER HE REDRAFTED TO PETER NILES, DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR OF MASS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:** Parsons presented the letter that he had redrafted to Peter Niles from all the input of Commission members at the April 29<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. The Commission thanked Parsons for all his hard work and for the writing of the FINAL letter we felt we could ALL approve.

Grunfeld moved that the Commission approve Parsons' letter to Peter Niles, as written, and that it was ready to be approved by Town Administrator Joe Kellogg, 2nded by Wells, and unanimously approved.

**PERRY TOOK THE LETTER TO SHEFFIELD TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JOE KELLOGG FOR HIS INPUT AND APPROVAL:** Town Administrator Joe Kellogg

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gave his approval to sending the Commission letter to Peter Niles, District 1 Director of Mass DOT regarding rectifying inaccessible crossings and other safety issues on Rte 7 Sheffield Business Corridor.

**CC COPY TO MARK TZUBRYT OF MASS DOT WILL BE HAND DELIVERED TO HIM BY PERRY:** Perry volunteered to hand deliver to Mark Tzubryt the Peter Niles' Commission letter which had been cc'd to Mark Tzubryt, personally. Grunfeld moved that Perry hand deliver the copy of the Peter Niles' Commission letter to Mark Tzubryt, 2nded by Wells, and unanimously approved.

**WELLS PRESENTED THE NEW PROJECT TAKEN ON BY THE COMMISSION OF THE "SENIOR RESOURCE CALENDAR 2011."** Copies of this year's "Senior Resource Calendar 2010" was given to each member of the Commission along with copies of the Commission's Subject History: "Important Informational Web Site Links and Contact Persons." Our contact person for this project is Jackie Dellert (Pittsfield RSVP Volunteer Program [Resources for Seniors Volunteer Program] who will be doing the calendar for 2011. Much discussion followed on where this Commission could provide additional information for Seniors/Persons with Disability Issues. We understand that the focus of much of the already included information has been gleaned for the Pittsfield area and that there are holes in the information link to South County services. The Commission will ask if we can have a whole section which relates to Resources for People with Disabilities which will include contact people, phone numbers, and where applicable, web site addresses. It was moved by Grunfeld for Wells to spearhead this project and to send a letter to Jackie Dellert with our interest in having input in the "2011 Senior Resource Calendar," 2nded by Perry, and unanimously approved. The Commission will continue to compile a list of contact people, phone numbers, and applicable web site addresses for this resource section for people with disability issues within the "2011 Senior Resource Calendar" with a final deadline for this information to Jackie Dellert of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PERRY SUGGESTED ONE WAY WE COULD HELP INFORM BERKSHIRE COUNTY CITIZENS OF THE USEFULNESS OF THE "2011 SENIOR RESOURCE CALENDAR" AS AN EXTREMELY HELPFUL LISTING OF RESOURCE CONTACTS WOULD BE TO NOTIFY THE *SHEFFIELD TIMES*, *BERKSHIRE EAGLE*, AND PERHAPS WSBS RADIO WHEN THE 2011 SENIOR RESOURCE CALENDAR BECOMES AVAILABLE:** Steindler moved that we notify Berkshire County residents when the 2011 Senior Resource Calendar is available and where it can be picked up by putting articles in The

Sheffield Times, The Berkshire Eagle, and asking WSBS to put the information on the air, 2nded by Wells, and unanimously approved to notify the media upon the calendar's release.

**GRUNFELD UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON HER EFFORTS TO CONNECT WITH THE UCP (United Cerebral Palsy in Pittsfield) TO GET INFORMATION ON HOW WE COULD BORROW A SMALL ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE:**

Grunfeld updated the Commission on finally making contact with the UCP in Pittsfield regarding getting a small assistive listening device. The outcome was that we could borrow one for 2-3 weeks (they will deliver it) and see if it is the brand and kind we need for a person in a small group setting. If we find it is effective then we could buy one for use at the Sheffield Town Hall. We understand that Town Administrator Joe Kellogg has hoped for some time that Sheffield could get a small assistive listening device. Perry moved that Grunfeld inform the UCP that we would like to take out, on loan, a small assistive listening device for a 2-3 week period of time to try it out, 2nded by Parsons, and unanimously approved.

**WELLS UPDATED THE COMMISSION THAT ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR RHONDA LABOMBARD HAD GRACIOUSLY SAID THE TOWN WOULD BE WILLING TO PRINT OUT HARD COPIES OF OUR MINUTES ETC. FOR THOSE MEMBERS THAT NEED HARD COPY AND SHE WOULD PUT THE PRINTOUTS IN OUR MAIL BOX AT THE TOWN HALL. YES, WE DO NOW HAVE OUR OWN BOX AT THE TOWN HALL.**

Perry moved to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Wells, and unanimously so approved.

Rueger adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dave Wells [assisted by Nan Wells]  
Clerk