

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Thursday, July 15, 2010
SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
4:00 PM**

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

Absent: Maryann Hyatt
Noah Parsons (vice chair)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Commission on Disabilities for July 1, 2010 were moved to be approved by Steindler, seconded by Grunfeld, and unanimously approved as written.

WELLS SHARED PROGRESS ON INCLUSIONS FOR THE COMMISSION

WEB SITE: Members discussed, edited, and added new contacts to the revised draft document. Perry moved it was now ready for Grunfeld to present to Sheffield Town Administrator, Joe Kellogg and Ass't Town Administrator, Rhonda LaBombard for their suggestions and approval. Wells seconded Perry's motion and the Web Front page as designed and 4 Link pages were approved unanimously to be electronically E-Mailed to the Town Administrators. Other page Links to follow as they are completed and/or edited for content accuracy.

STEINDLER MET WITH NANCY HAHN (BUSHNELL SAGE LIBRARY):

Steindler reported that Nancy Hahn was very enthusiastic about facilitating our suggestion of establishing a section in the Sheffield Library for Disability Library Materials. This section would, also, be disability accessible. Rueger stated that the Kiwanis Aktion Club, would also wish to help facilitate this library project.

REPRESENTATION ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

Perry and Rueger were individually approached by Sheffield Selectmen to consider representing this Commission on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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GRUNFELD REPORTED A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO ASKING THE SHEFFIELD TIMES FOR A SECTION WITHIN THE TIMES FOR THE SHEFFIELD COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES: Kathy Orlando has given Grunfeld the OK for the Commission to have space in each issue for Commission submissions. Grunfeld took suggestions for inclusion in the next *Sheffield Times* edition in order to meet the August 15 deadline.

SHEFFIELD TIMES HAS ERROR REGARDING COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETING TIMES: Wells informed the Commission of the error in meeting dates printed in the *Sheffield Times*. Steindler asked Grunfeld that when she responds to Sheffield Times, with her article, that she will inform them of the correction that this Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.

WELLS SHARED SHEFFIELD TOWN SELECTMEN MINUTES, AS PUBLISHED IN THE SHEFFIELD TIMES, REGARDING THE MA DOT MEETING AND WALK: discussions followed.

PERRY REMARKED THAT THE NEON BLUE PAINTED CROSSWALKS IN W. STOCKBRIDGE WERE VERY EFFECTIVE:

PHOTO STUDY POSTPONED: Parsons and Wells will, after Parsons recovers from surgery, do the photos/notes of the North entrance to Sheffield businesses (Gulotta area). Maybe another traffic configuration might be safer for all concerned ... vehicles, pedestrians, as well as those who use adaptive equipment.

WELLS INFORMED THE GROUP THAT PAT WHITE HAD JUST PUT UP POSTERS FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT THE UP AND COMING SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Was this something that the Sheffield Commission wanted to support?

NEXT COMMISSION SEMINAR TOPICS DISCUSSED: Discussion ensued for what our next Seminar topic should be and when it should be held. Grunfeld moved that our next Commission Seminar should be a General, Broad ADA Sources and Resources Fair to be held in late October or the beginning of November and the Spring Seminar would be held in March on the ins and outs of Living with Lyme Disease. Steindler seconded her motion and it was unanimously approved.

RUEGER SUGGESTED THE COMMISSION HAVE A BOOTH AT THE SHEFFIELD CELEBRATION IN SEPTEMBER: Discussion followed. Maybe we should sponsor an activity booth. Was there a cost to us to have a booth?

AN AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING WAS SUGGESTED: This idea could be co-sponsored by the Commission on Disabilities and the Friends of the Library. If we were able to receive monetary donations, the money collected would facilitate the support of purchasing /promoting the new disability section in the Sheffield Library. Aktion Club could also be a part of this activity. This project would benefit and promote the authors and their books on living with disabilities (i.e. Michael Fox, John Hockenberry, Option Institute [Son Also Rising]). Maybe the CATA Organization might help us by putting together a program/show to be part of the experience.

COMMISSION EXPENSES: Steindler shared that Administrators Kellogg / LaBombard OK'd copy paper from the Town to be used to cover Commission printouts. Discussion followed regarding how to reimburse printer ink expenses and that it should NOT be coming out of the Wells' pocket.

"RSVP 2011 SENIOR CALENDAR" UPDATE: Rueger moved that Wells ask Jackie Dellert if she is far enough along on the Sheffield Commission part of the calendar to submit to us a draft of how she has set up the contact resources we submitted to her for our editing. This motion was seconded by Perry and unanimously approved.

AUGUST 5, 2010 COMMISSION CALENDAR AGENDA: 1.) Fall Seminar 2.) Review the *Sheffield Times* article written by Grunfeld for our new section within the *Sheffield Times* 3.) divide up the incomplete Web site Link pages to have them written up and editors to do a thorough full scale editing of information included for accuracy 4.) And lastly, any other business as necessary.

A Commission Card was signed by ALL to be given to Parsons to let him know we were thinking of him.

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

Steindler adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Dave Wells [assisted by Nan Wells]