

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Thursday, September 2, 2010
SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
4:00 PM**

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

Absent: Maryann Hyatt
 Denise Rueger

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Commission on Disabilities for August 5, 2010 were moved to be approved by Perry, seconded by Grunfeld, and unanimously approved as written.

COD "LIVING WITH DISABILITIES" CHILDREN'S BOOK LIST

PROGRESS UPDATE: Steindler was pleased with the progress we are making with our book lists. We decided, as a COD, we would take the Children's Book list for our web site one step further by also adding notations as to which books have been published in Large Print (LP), Video (V), Captioned (CC), Audio (AUD), Braille (B). Parsons/Wells volunteered to mark the list with the additional appropriate notations.

COD "LIVING WITH DISABILITIES" ADULT BOOK LIST PROGRESS

UPDATE: Steindler reminded the COD that we could not use Amazon.com annotations on our book list. The COD decided to wait til Nancy Hahn's E-Mail of Adult Books Etc. dealing with the subject of "Living with Disabilities" was received. Wells will then use Library annotations for books that are on both lists. Wells and Steindler will then write new annotations for the remaining books where we only have Amazon.com annotations.

PARSONS BROUGHT IN A PAGE OF NEW BOOK TITLE ADDITIONS FOR OUR "LIVING WITH DISABILITIES" LIST:

SHEFFIELD BUSHNELL-SAGE LIBRARY DISPLAY OF "LIVING WITH DISABILITIES" MEETS WITH COD NOD OF WELL DONE: Steindler said she even checked out one of the books on display. Grunfeld thought it might be helpful to have a poster or two to designate the book display shelves. Wells volunteered to do the posters. Steindler also reported the Wells poster for the event was helpful and drew attention to the month long event. Grunfeld said she signed up on the sheet to "seed" leaving Sheffield E-Mail addresses for future EVENT notification of up and coming New Events in the works.

NORTH ADAMS COD IS THE 4th COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY WE HAVE LOCATED: The ones we are aware exist in Berkshire County are: North Adams COD, Pittsfield COD, Clarksburg COD, and Sheffield COD.

WELLS UPDATED COMMISSION ON PROGRESS OF THE 2011 RSVP CALENDAR: All information is in for our COD NEW section for the 2011 RSVP Calendar. We will continue keeping a list of additional sources for future year inclusions, as well as, for our own web site listings.

GRUNFELD REPORTED ON THE PLANNING NEEDS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE NEXT COD EVENT PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER – "DISABILITIES RESOURCE FAIR": She has touched base with Superintendent Michael Singleton regarding using the Mt. Everett H.S. for the Resource Fair. And since the new calendar events person for the District is just coming on board, she will wait until she can finalize a open date for us. We are considering a week day, various resource organization display stations and someone(s) from the organization to staff the station, maybe a couple of key draw speakers for very short presentations (must have assistive listening device[s] available), start at the end of the school day so that parents, students who are interested might attend and continue to perhaps 8 in the evening to draw attendees who are working, healthy food snacks contributed by numerous sources, encourage the Mt. Everett SPED Department to join with us, and that we would also have a station/table of our own (for resource materials we have compiled, encouraging Sheffield citizens to share concerns, thoughts, needs with a Sheffield COD member, encourage interest in our Commission either in joining us or coming to our meetings ... visibility).

THE SHEFFIELD TIMES ADDITION WAS HOT OFF THE PRESS AND GRUNFELD TOLD THE COD THAT HER ARTICLE SUBMISSION HAD TO BE CUT DUE TO SPACING NEEDS OF THE TIMES: The COD gave Grunfeld our thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

WELLS SUGGESTED WE THANK ADMINISTRATOR KELLOGG, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND OTHERS FOR THE RE-GRADING OF THE ENTRANCEWAY TO THE SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL: The re-grading makes a huge and much needed difference. Steindler said she would write the thank you note.

A THANK YOU NOTE WOULD ALSO BE SENT TO NANCY HAHN AND HER LIBRARY STAFF FOR ALL THE EFFORTS THEY GAVE TO FEATURING "LIVING WITH DISABILITIES" AT THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH: Steindler said she would write the thank you note.

OUR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 16, 2010.

AGENDA: 1. Continue planning November Resource Fair 2. Any other business as necessary.

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

Steindler adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Dave Wells [assisted by Nan Wells]

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