

Provincetown Disability Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
October 10, 2017  
Meeting at Town Hall

Meeting Started at: 9:00AM

Members Present: Herb Hintze, Nancy Swanson, Linda "Rowan" Weilblad,  
Dottie Field, Kaolin Davis, Linda Loren, Vernon Porter

Members Absent: Gloria McPherson.

Guests: Robert Casper – Sailing for All; Cathy Taylor - CORD

Public Statements:

Presentation by Robert Casper, Truro Resident, for the "Sailing for All" program.

Sailing program that allows everyone to compete equally and asking for support of the Disability Commission. He has met with the Pier Corporation and presented program. Assessment of possible sites for the program - there are 4 – 3 are town owned and one is privately owned and they have said no. Vernon asked about their 501(c) status and they do not have that as yet. Vernon emphasized that when a program has obtained their full status then we will meet and discuss endorsement. Although he is asking for our support, disabled participation is only a small part of the program. As of this time we need further information on the program when the 501 (c) status is obtained and we will need to meet with the Pier Corporation regarding feasibility and costs. No vote at this time.

Cathy Taylor – Director of Services – CORD.

Presentation and discussion of the various services:

- Independent Living Program  
All ages
- Transition services – many aspects –  
Adulthood program  
Transitional Internship program – 14-22  
Bridge to Success – 17 – 26  
Also assists with transition to Nursing Home or Nursing Home to  
Community living

Mobile Food Pantry – there are over 10,000 individuals with disabilities with food issues. They have sites from Hyannis to Provincetown and always looking for additional funding and volunteers at the town delivery sites.

### Member Opening Statements:

Vernon Porter – appointed to the Disability Commission by the Town Moderator.

Vernon was welcomed back to the Commission but there was some confusion raised as to whether we had an opening on the Commission.

Linda – Contacted by the Animal Welfare Committee regarding pending state regulations that would impose penalties for those presenting pets as Service Animals. They have asked if representatives of the Disability Commission can attend their next meeting to discuss this issue.

Linda – Traffic Hearing is approaching and she has requested 4 additional Handicap parking spaces in the front row of the MacMillan parking lot on the West end near the exit. All current spots are on the East side of the lot.

### Ongoing Business:

Booklet is finished – need to have a contact phone number in the booklet. Need to F/U with Cheryl Andrews who was looking into the ability for the Commission to have contact information on the town website.

It is mandatory that we have a Town Employee on the Commission. Ongoing issue with current representative, Gloria McPherson, who has attended only 2 meetings in 2 years. Vote of no confidence presented by Swany – seconded by Vernon. Vote 6-0 no confidence in our representative and we will request a replacement.

Winter storage – ongoing issue of improper storage which causes damage to wheelchairs. Various places have been explored with no resolution as yet. Vernon asked about space at the COA which has been denied in the past but he will address the issue again.

New Business: None at this time.

Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2017 approved with no changes.

Motion made by Swany and seconded by Kaolin to approve minutes.

Vote 5 - 0 to accept minutes.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: November 14, 2017 at 9AM

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:08 AM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Linda Loren