

American Disability Act Committee
Minutes
September 20, 2012

Chairman Robert Hoff called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM

Roll Call: Joseph Vellali, Robert Hoff, Kerry Martens and Michael Tufano were in attendance.

3. Approval of November 17, 2011 December 15, 2011 and March 15, 2012 meetings minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Vellali, seconded by Mr. Martens. All were in favor, motion carries.

4. Report from ADA Compliance Officer Candy Criscuolo.
Ms. Criscuolo was not in attendance this evening.

5. Report from Director of Management Art Desorbo
Mr. Desorbo was not in attendance this evening.

6. Discussion regarding creation of Scholarship Fund for disabled students
Mr. Martens thought this was a great idea, but the committee should be careful with the consideration of "disabled". There are many classifications. It was suggested that the committee get input from Roberta Wezenski, the new director of Pupil Services. Mr. Hoff will contact her. It was suggested, by Mr. Vellali, that the committee could point out established scholarships to students.

7. Discussion on ongoing Town ADA projects
The beach wheelchair has been approved. The committee was unaware of any other ongoing projects. Mr. Hoff read the letter he wrote to the editor of the East Haven Courier. He received 2 responses to that letter. Mr. Martens asked that Mr. Hoff please take note when he was using the title of "Chairman" in articles, as his opinion may not reflect that of the entire committee. There was discussion of the transition plan. It was noted that the plan is just a proposal. It is up to the committee to set

priorities for getting work done. There was discussion on the misuse of handicapped spaces. It was suggested that the committee look into Constables for handicapped space violators.

8. Discussion on Emergency Preparedness Conference

It was suggested that the committee have Theresa Nadeau do a presentation for residents, which could also be taped for ETV. This would be fairly easy to put together, could possibly use the Senior Center. Mr. Vellali made a motion to request up to \$350 for this conference, seconded by Mr. Martens. All were in favor, motion carries.

9. Discussion on hosting a breakfast in conjunction with the Chamber and the Economic Development dept.

Mr. Hoff will talk with Bob Limoncelli from the Chamber about putting this breakfast together. Will be a good idea for the spring.

10. Any other business brought before the committee.

Mr. Hoff noted that James Trimble, friend of the committee, was named "Volunteer of the Year" for the East Haven Food Pantry.

Mr. Vellali made a motion to adjourn at 7:54, seconded by Mr. Martens. All were in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Vineyard, Clerk