

Town of East Haven, CT
American Disability Act Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2014
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Members Present:

Chairman Brian Savo
Vice-Chairman Kerry Martens
Commissioner Michael Tufano
Commissioner Dan Hoff

Staff Present:

Arthur L. DeSorbo, Dir.

Members Absent:

Commissioner Dave Stevens

Chairman Savo called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Tufano made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the September 19th meeting and Vice-Chair Martens seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business

Commissioner Tufano asked about the EH Food Pantry and whether anything was done with it yet. Chairman Savo stated that Art DeSorbo was still trying to find an architect and get pricing and go from there.

Vice-Chair Martens asked about the luncheon that was discussed previously. ADA Criscuolo was supposed to be looking into that and hasn't reported back to the commission and is not in attendance at tonight's meeting. A discussion of a special meeting was held with regard the luncheon. Vice-Chair Martens said that he would be in touch with the Chamber people and see if they can attend that meeting. Vice-Chair Martens made a **MOTION** to hold a special meeting on February 5th at 7:00. Commissioner Tufano seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioner Hoff asked about the ramp at the Senior Center and wanted to know if anything was done to fix it. It gets extremely slippery when it's wet and is dangerous because of its smooth surface. Chairman Savo stated it could use some grip tape, but would talk to Art DeSorbo about having Public Works go put some down.

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New Business

Commissioner Hoff spoke about the Hagan Memorial Library and the lack of a ramp for access into the community room downstairs where they hold musical productions. He spoke to the new librarian who was very interested in accessibility issues for the residents. Commissioner Hoff thinks a ramp would work seeing there are only a few steps down to get into the room. Chairman Savo said that members would go take a look at it and see what could be done. Because the building is a historic building, they didn't want to take away any of that if they didn't have to. Members will report back to the commission on their ideas and opinions on being able to help the Hagan Memorial Library.

There was also a discussion about handicapped accessible vans and that Durham, CT has recently passed an ordinance that residents with these types of handicapped vans would be exempt from property tax payments on the vehicle. Commissioner Tufano stated that the Town of East Haven does a partial exemption not an entire one.

Vice-Chair Martens asked about the binder again and wanted to make sure the timeline was being followed. Chairman Savo stated he could bring it to the next regular meeting and they could go over it. Vice-Chair Martens also wanted to see if they could find out how the people who put the regulations together came to the conclusions they did and why they did.

There being no other business to come before the agency, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 by Vice-Chair Martens and seconded by Commissioner Tufano. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk