

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Thursday, January 6, 2011
SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
4:30 PM**

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

Vice Chair Parsons called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM (meeting time was changed to accommodate Registrars)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Commission on Disabilities for December 16, 2010 were moved to be approved by Parsons, seconded by Grunfeld, and unanimously approved to be accepted as written.

PARSONS READ STEINDLER LETTER OF RESIGNATION: It was with great disappointment that the Sheffield Commission on Disabilities accepted Steindler's request to resign from the C.O.D. Her leadership will sadly be missed. Grunfeld moved that the C.O.D. send her a "Thank You Note" for her valuable service to the Commission which all would sign. Wells seconded the motion and it was unanimously so approved.

NEXT C.O.D. MEETING WILL RETURN TO REGULAR WINTER HOURS STARTING AT 3:30 PM.

2011 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT: Wells handed out a copy of the original article submitted to the *Sheffield Times* "Commission on Disabilities: A Productive First Year" to each C.O.D. member and suggested the C.O.D. use the article as the foundation for the 2011 Annual Town Report. Parsons will work up a draft for the Town report for the next meeting.

BERKSHIRE RIDES/CTAA GROUP INFORMATION SHARING: Grunfeld will follow up.

PARSONS REOPENED AN ON-GOING ISSUE REGARDING FUTURE SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CROSSWALKS: Parsons and Wells will do winter photos on Sunday at 1PM. We need to explore options for getting this work done sooner than 2013. We will also check out whether town sidewalks are being plowed.

MAY ELECTIONS: Parsons suggested we speak first with the Town Clerk about moving the elections to the new Senior Center and once the Town Clerk

is in agreement with us, we can then go to the Selectmen to make the announcement (or perhaps the Town Clerk will do that). Parsons will follow up.

“2011 RSVP SENIOR CALENDARS”: Wells handed out copies of the 2011 Calendars to each C.O.D. member. Wells was asked to suggest to John-Arthur Miller, Director of the Senior Center, that it would be nice if a calendar was distributed to all MOW recipients. The Commission thanked Wells for all the efforts put in to this year’s calendar.

C.O.D. NEEDS MORE DEDICATED MEMBERS: The Commission discussed various ways we could let it be known that we were looking for new dedicated members. 1.) Census mailing or other Town mailing 2.) Ask other Berkshire Commissions on Disabilities how they attract new membership 3.) Posters (to be designed by Wells) could be placed in Senior Centers, libraries etc. etc.

LYME DISEASE SEMINAR FOR LATE SPRING STILL ON THE TABLE: Discussion followed. Wells will borrow DVD on Lyme Disease (2 hour video+/-) so that each C.O.D. member can watch it at their leisure as a starting point for putting on another well done and well attended Sheffield C.O.D. seminar. We will, later on down the road, seek other Town Commissions and local expertise to join us in sponsoring this Seminar.

THE “2011 RSVP RESOURCE CALENDARS” HAVE STILL NOT BEEN DELIVERED TO SHEFFIELD: The “2011 RSVP Resource Calendar” has been published and was distributed throughout Berkshire County a few days before Christmas. Sheffield still has not received theirs. Wells has reminded the Sheffield Senior Center to please re-contact Elder Services to get our delivery of calendars. These Resource calendars are FREE and supplies of them have been depleted in other communities.

OUR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 20, 2011 at 3:30 P.M.

AGENDA: [updates on each of these categories] 1.) draft of the Annual Town Report 2.) New membership poster 3.) winter photos of the Main Street/Rte 7 corridor 4.) Lyme disease DVD 5.) And any other business as necessary

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

Parsons adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Dave Wells [assisted by Nan Wells] Clerk

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