

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

**Friday, March 18, 2011
SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Laura Grunfeld Interim Chair
Dave Wells [with the assistance of Nan Wells (clerk)]
Don Perry

Visitors: Claudia Martin
Nichole Dupont
Nancy Perry

Interim Chair Grunfeld called the C.O.D. meeting open at 1:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Commission on Disabilities for February 17, 2011 were moved to be approved by Perry, seconded by Grunfeld, and unanimously approved as written.

C.O.D. MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS: Grunfeld asked C.O.D. members to introduce themselves and to give a short explanation why they chose to seek membership in the Sheffield Commission on Disabilities.

MARTIN INTERESTED IN JOINING C.O.D.: Claudia Martin was introduced to the group and was asked to share why she was interested in joining the C.O.D.

DUPONT FROM *IBERKSHIRES* INTRODUCED: Nichole Dupont explained that she was attending this C.O.D. meeting in order to write an article for *IBerkshires* that would generate interest in this Sheffield Commission and perhaps encourage other Sheffield residents to seek membership.

“DISABILITY ACCESSIBLE” HAS A WIDE RANGE OF INTERPRETATIONS:
Examples shared and discussion followed.

GRUNFELD, ALONG WITH C.O.D. MEMBERS, GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF C.O.D. ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PROJECTS IN THE MAKING, AND ONES WE ARE LOOKING TO DO:

PERRY SUGGESTED THE C.O.D. LOOK INTO HAVING OUR MEETINGS IN THE NEW SENIOR CENTER: Discussion followed. Martin said she would ask Sheffield Senior Center Director John Arthur Miller.

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RECRUITING NEW C.O.D. MEMBERS: Discussion followed. Wells and Perry volunteered to distribute "Recruitment Posters." Another suggestion was to see if we could join Sheffield Seniors at one of their monthly luncheons to spread the word about the Commission. Grunfeld distributed press releases and did an interview on WBCR radio.

FINDING THE RIGHT DAY AND TIME FOR FUTURE C.O.D. MEETINGS: Discussion followed. Perry moved that the Sheffield C.O.D. would meet once a month on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM. Grunfeld seconded Perry's motion and it was unanimously approved.

BERKSHIRE RIDES/CTAA: Grunfeld moved that we contact Berkshire Rides/CTAA for a date they can join us. Perry seconded Grunfeld's motion and it was unanimously approved.

BERKSHIRE PRIDE DAY AT THE LANESBORO MALL THIS SATURDAY: Discussion followed regarding attending Berkshire Pride Day.

SHEFFIELD CENTER 2010-2011 WINTER SNOW PHOTOS: Perry volunteered to ask Parsons if he would be willing to share the Sheffield Center Rte 7 2010-2011 winter snow photos that he and Wells took this winter.

OUR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE APRIL 21, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.

AGENDA: 1.) Berkshire Rides/CTAA update 2.) Berkshire Disability Pride Day report 3.) New membership recruitment progress update 4.) Sheffield Center Rte 7 Corridor 2010-2011 winter snow photos update 5.) And any other business as necessary.

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

Grunfeld adjourned the meeting at 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Dave Wells [assisted by Nan Wells] Clerk