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**Foxborough Commission on Disability**  
**Minutes of May 16, 2012**

**Members Present:**

Sue Collins, Richard Biggiari, Margaret Chaisson, Charlie Hobbs,  
Bill Casbarra

**Minutes**

Motion to accept Minutes of March 14, 2012 made by Bill, second by Richard; motion passed.

**Discussion of Memorial for Dan Iagatta**

The Commission members regret the loss of Dan Iagatta. Commission members contributed money so that we could make a donation to the **Travis Roy Foundation**. Their website states “The Travis Roy Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the life of individuals with spinal cord injuries and their families by providing adaptive equipment and to finding a cure through increased funding of research, resulting in self-reliance and the ability to be as independent as possible.”

**Discussion of a Replacement for Dan Iagatta on the Commission**

It was decided that we would ask Tony and Cindy if they know of anyone who would be interested in joining our Commission now that there is an opening. If no one steps forward, then we would submit an article to the Foxboro Reporter or put it on our website.

**By-Laws Review**

We made three small changes:

1. Name change from “Foxborough Committee for Disabled Citizens” to “**Foxborough Commission on Disability**.”
2. In Article III, Section 1. We **deleted the sentence “The majority of the members shall consist of people familiar with disabilities”**. Plus we deleted “**Building Commissioner**” in the next sentence.

3. In Article V, Section 1. “Regular meetings should be held at least “7” times a year” was changed to “6 times”.

Margaret made a motion to accept the revisions to the By-Laws; second by Charlie; motion passed.

### **Cable Show Update**

Bill reported he has been communicating with Tony about the Cable Show to be broadcast on FCA. Tony was unable to attend today’s meeting because he was having a procedure done. We wish him a speedy recovery and we hope to film a show in June. Margaret said the Foxboro Cable Access remodeling should be done by that time so there will be a beautiful, new set available.

### **Website Update**

Tony had stated that he wanted to make sure that our website was accessible to people with various challenges. Bill stated that he contacted “Virtual Town Hall”. We will update a little at a time. When Tony is available, he can look at the website and contribute his knowledge so that our website is as accessible as it can be.

### **Brochure**

Bill has stated before that he would like to have a brochure available to give to new residents that have disabilities. Margaret did some research and passed around some examples of brochures she saw on the internet. Sue stated that during the summer she will draw up a rough draft and bring it to the Commission for their input.

### **Accessible Parking fees discussion**

No one was sure who brought up this issue. Bill stated that the Foxborough Police Department has been vigilant about Patriot fans abusing the Accessible Parking next to Gillette Stadium. Able-bodied patrons were misusing placards from family or friends. The Police have cracked down on the violators and their Season Tickets for the Patriots have been revoked. This problem clearly has improved. The fee for anyone misusing an Accessible Parking spot anywhere in Foxborough will be charged \$100 and that money goes into the General Fund.

### **Transportation Issues**

Bill stated that Sharon Wason, the Town Planner, was unable to attend. However, Bill presented an email from her to give us an update. The Transit

Feasibility Study was not put into the Planning Board's budget. After the Master Plan for the town is completed, Sharon stated she will focus on transportation for residents with disabilities. She stated that she has experience with transit needs analyses and transit feasibility plans. Sharon thinks we can do this "in house". She has advertised for a summer intern who could do the GIS (Geographic Information System) part. Sharon wants the Commission to conduct a survey of the transportation needs of our town. Margaret was disappointed by this information. A survey is a huge undertaking and our commission is not sure how to go about it. Plus a summer intern would not have any experience in these matters. We want to invite Michael Johns, Director of Veteran Services, to our July meeting because he is working on improving transportation for veterans who need to get to their medical appointments and GATRA has denied veterans getting to Brockton VA Hospital and other places. We will also invite Sharon Wason to our July meeting to discuss our concerns.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Charlie, second by Richard; motion passed.

**Next Meeting: July 18, 2012, Wednesday at 3 PM at Town Hall.**