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Sudbury Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, April 25, 2006; 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair, David Mortimer, Kristin Kiesel, Stephen Machnik

Absent: Oscar Harrell

Next meeting	Tuesday, May 23, 2006, 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center.		
Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes		The minutes of the March 28 meeting were approved as submitted.	
Welcome Stephen Machnik	The Selectmen have officially appointed Steve Machnik as a member of the Commission.		Steve will get sworn in at the Town Clerk's office.
Membership	Dave said he has called Rachel Greenstein to see if she would like to become involved in the Chemical sensitivity project, but she hasn't gotten back to him.	We can have up to 9 members, and still want a lawyer, a high school student with a disability and/or a parent of a child with disabilities.	Dave will call Oscar to see about his interest in the Commission and to verify whether he has worked with DMR.
Chemical Sensitivity	Dave reported the Boston Self-Help group in Mission Hill is very willing to come speak in Sudbury.		Kris will contact Maureen Valente to see if this would be a good topic for a department heads meeting.
Housing for people with retardation	Dave reported that Judith Rhome, who has a son with Down's Syndrome, would like to work to convert her home to a group home for people with retardation, and establish a foundation to fund it. He said her abutters are OK with the idea.	The Commission supports this idea and will work with Mrs. Rhome as appropriate.	

<p>Parking spaces</p>	<p>Many Town and community buildings, including the Senior Center, do not have appropriate accessible parking spaces. Kris has called Bill Place to request that the Senior Center parking spaces be remeasured to conform with current law.</p>	<p>Parking spaces are a relatively straight forward project the Commission can work on. Steve would like to look at the Sudbury transition plan for ADA compliance to see how the Town is doing on the plan.</p>	<p>Dave will call Bill to get a schedule of painting for town lots to see if the appropriate spaces can be designated and laid out before repainting happens.</p>
<p>Raising awareness.</p>	<p>The Commission would like to raise awareness of the Commission's existence and mission, and of the needs of people with disabilities.</p> <p>The Commission's mission is to: develop, coordinate and carry out programs designed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities in cooperation with the Mass office on Disability and Town agencies.</p>	<p>A letter will be written and jointly signed by Dave and Maureen Valente, to Sudbury community groups, churches, and other appropriate organizations.</p> <p>The letter will be to make people aware of the Commission, and also to request that if people know of someone with a disability that could use services or support, they are referred to the commission.</p>	<p>Steve will draft the letter working with Dave.</p>