

EAST HAMPTON TOWN/VILLAGE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2008

Present: Glenn Hall, Dean Kirschner, Ken Miller, Tom Preiato, Richard Rosenthal, Thom Lawrence & Diane Patrizio

Meeting was called to order by Glenn at 5:30 PM. There was a question regarding the minutes from the last meeting. Glen was not sure if any were taken.

Tom Preiato said he remembered what was reported at the last meeting and that he would review it in his report to the committee.

There is an issue with the current ramp and lack of marked parking spaces at Runaways (Oyster Pond).

Glenn discussed the need to implement a format for notices to be sent to department heads and building inspectors. Thom Lawrence mentioned that he and Tom Preiato were to get together to work on the letter. The next thing is to get department heads and have a general meeting and let them know that it is part of their job is to make notes of non-compliance (i.e. Fire and other departments). They agreed to meet to finalize the letter. Thom said that the letter to business owners was done and just needs updating. Tom Preiato asked how it would be decided which businesses receive the letter. Thom said in a perfect world it should go out to ALL businesses but that would be an enormous task. For now it will be a complaint driven letter.

Report from Village: Thom discussed the continued lack of signage at Dental Care. He was pleased to report the timely response from Apple Bank regarding the step issue as it was handled in under 2 weeks. He stated that a summons will be issued to the Bamboo restaurant. A letter went out to East Hampton IGA – they have not yet replied.

Thom mentioned that there was a complaint filed regarding a beach pass issue which he believed passed the allowable threshold regarding the complaint form. The complainant also voiced her concerns to the Parks and Recreation Departments once she discovered the beach passes were sold out. She is permanently disabled and believed that this was an ADA issue and she should be allowed a beach pass. It was agreed this was not a matter for this committee.

Thom also reported that the Lions Club is helping an Amagansett woman by installing a ramp so that she will be able to use her home. She is quite ill and this will be the last summer that she will be able to make use her home.

There was a discussion regarding putting certain ADA exemptions into the Town code to make it less costly and complicated to comply with ADA requirements as it would be less cumbersome for businesses and builders if they didn't have to pay fees to make the structural changes. Thom mentioned that he still had an issue with converting the

complaint referral form to adobe so that it could be completed online. Dean said that he would be able to help.

Dean was concerned regarding the emergency services list. He wanted to see who was on the list. He is concerned about members of his church as he believes they would require assistance but he is uncertain as to whether they are on the list. It was suggested that he speak to Edna regarding the list.

Dean mentioned the website. He stated that he could add email addresses of committee members. He would like the website to be hooked up to the Town website as the more hits a website receives the higher it will be placed in Google's search engine and he would like to be on the first page if possible. Since the East Hampton Town website receives a large number of hits adding a link would be beneficial to our website.

Glenn mentioned that he would rather not meet in July & August unless an issue that needs to be discussed comes up and the committee agreed.

Ken brought up the concern of parents whose children are aging out of high school and they are having a meeting with parents next Wednesday to discuss the issue of aging out. He discussed a position paper dealing with the lack of socialization programs for those with mental disabilities. He said there is a serious concern regarding available residential programs available as the number of units created are not growing as needed, in fact they have been reduced by the State.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Patrizio