

Town of Southington Commission on DisAbilities

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- > August 13, 2007 meeting minutes
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- > Call meeting to order: 6:12 p.m.
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- > Roll Call: Wendy Henderson, John Noel, Wesley Babkirk,
- > Sharon Neupaver, Lyn Johnson
- > Dolores Longo: Town Council Representative absent
- > Unexcused Absences: George Sanchez, Charles Bosworth
- > Excused Absences: Terry Dickinson, Karen Cavanaugh
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- > Determination of Quorum: Yes
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- > Public Forum: None
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- > Minutes from last meeting: Minutes from our last meeting in June were accepted as read.
- > Motion to accept: Sharon Neupaver Seconded: Wesley Babkirk
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- > Correspondence: We received a letter from Main Street Foundation and from a town resident regarding public transportation in town We also received completed applications for respite care. A thank you note from a family who received respite reimbursement was read.
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- > Financial Report: We reviewed an appropriation ledger from the finance department that reflected our past fiscal year's expenditures from 7-1-06 to 6-30 07. We also reviewed our new budget that was approved by the town council for the upcoming fiscal year. We also received a bill for \$2950 for construction of the wood pavilion in the Panthorn park playground leaving a balance of \$1326.46 in our playground account.
- > Motion to accept: Lyn Johnson Seconded: Sharon Neupaver
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- > Old Business:
- > Playground: M. Carbone Remodeling completed the wood pavilion in the Rainbow Playground at Panthorn Park and submitted a bill of \$2950 leaving us a balance of \$1326.96 in our Rainbow Playground account. A suggestion was made regarding spending the balance of this account on accessible picnic tables that would accommodate wheel chairs.
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- > Attendance: Mr. Sanchez did not attend June's meeting and a letter was sent to the town council requesting Mr. Sanchez's resignation. A letter will also be sent to the town council requesting Mr. Bosworth's resignation.
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- > Transportation: We discussed the June public forum we held regarding getting a bus route and or more transportation in town for the disabled. It was very well attended. A CD was made of the forum and was suggested that it be aired on the public access channel. A moving letter was read from a new town resident that was shocked to find when she moved here that Southington had no public transportation causing her son to stop working full time. She wondered what was going to happen when she wasn't around to bring her son to work and other appointments and

events. It was suggested that we look into the costs and ways of getting additional transportation in town be it vans or a public bus route.

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> Poster Contest: Poster contest was completed, the posters judged and a ceremony at the town hall showcasing the winners was held. Terry who ran the contest was absent due to an injury, will be contacted to see where she is as to handing out the savings bonds to the winners.

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> Library Electric Doors: Lyn drafted a letter and sent to the library board with our accessibility concerns. Robert Cusano is chair of the library board and will be contacted by John to follow up on the letter that was sent.

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> Safety Registration: Lyn said that the state already has a safety registration form and she will bring more information regarding this program to our next meeting.

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> Respite Care: We received a letter from the Main Street Foundation indicating that they would award us \$3000 for respite care, but we would have to agree to and comply with stipulations outlined in their letter. One was they wanted our appropriation ledger to reflect when expenditures were made from the money they granted us and how much each person was awarded. This may involve setting up a separate line item in our budget. John will contact the finance department to see how to go about satisfying their requests. All respite care applications received to date were reviewed and will be receiving funds.

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> Motion to accept: Lyn Johnson Seconded: Sharon Neupaver

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> New Business:

> Workshop: There will be a workshop at The Neat Marketplace 120 Holcomb Street, Hartford, Ct. on 9-8-07 called "Playing it safe: emergency planning for people with disabilities and seniors". To register contact Elanah Sherman at the state office of protection and advocacy.

> 860-297-4322

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> All other business will be tabled until our next meeting.

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> Motion to accept: Sharon Neupaver Seconded: Lyn Johnson

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> Next Meeting: Tuesday September 11th, 2007 at the Southington Water Department at 6:00 p.m.

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> Motion made to adjourn: Sharon Neupaver Seconded: Wesley Babkirk

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> Meeting adjourned: 8:22 p.m.

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> Respectfully submitted by: John Noel, Secretary/Treasurer