

**Town of East Haven, CT
American Disability Act Commission
Meeting Minutes
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Members Present:

Vice-Chairman Kerry Martens
Commissioner Michael Tufano
Chairman Brian Savo
Commissioner Joseph Vellali

Staff Present:

None

Public Present:

Gary DePalma, TC
Paul Thompson

Members Absent:

Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Ann DeSorbo

Chairman Savo called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Roll was called and a quorum was present. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Vellali made a **MOTION** to accept the amended minutes of the April 23rd meeting and Commissioner Tufano seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of grants for handicapped accessibility to the Food Pantry at Christ & Epiphany Church. Chairman Savo said that Arthur DeSorbo hadn't received the figures yet from the architect, but Chairman Savo hopes to have them by the next meeting in July. Chairman Savo thinks because the Food Pantry is a 501c (3) entity, they would be able to get more funding from grants and looks forward to some news next meeting. He will send an email to Commissioner Ann DeSorbo about information from the State regarding grants.

New Business

Discussion was held with regard to a breakfast that is done in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Tufano will report back to the commission once he gets more information on location and costs. They had thought about doing the breakfast in May, but will probably have

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to do it in early fall now. He will also contact Bob Limoncelli from the Chamber for information.

Vice-Chair Martens asked about a binder that held all town building information and their ADA compliance. He remembers that it was done during the previous administration and with former commission member Michelle Dupree. Commissioner Vellali stated it would be great if we could find it as we could then prioritize and tackle the most used buildings first. Vice-Chair Martens said he knows that the Fire House on Main Street is an issue, as all the offices are on the 2nd floor and that it's very inconvenient if someone disabled needed something from there. He would like to discuss this at the next meeting.

Commissioner Vellali informed the commission that he sent an email to the Police Chief regard the abuse of parking in the already limited handicapped spaces throughout Town. He hasn't heard anything back yet. He also would like to see more handicapped spots at the Fireworks this year. Councilman Gary DePalma then asked if he could comment on that, Chairman Savo said yes. Councilman DePalma states that he would like to see at least the first few rows in the parking lot adjacent to the baseball field be designated handicapped parking for the fireworks. The lack of spaces and the difficulty in getting down Coe Avenue deters residents from coming and he thinks that something could be done. Commissioner Vellali will follow up at the next meeting, which is scheduled for July 18th at 7:00 p.m.

There being no other business to come before the agency, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 by Commissioner Vellali and seconded by Commissioner Tufano. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk