

**Watertown Commission on Disability
September 17, 2010**

Attendees: George Donahue, Chair; Anne Doughty; Judy Herzberg; Fred Isaacs; Alex Liazos; Carol Menton; Carol Wilson-Braun

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair George Donahue.

Roll Call.

Guests

There were no guests.

Minutes

There was a correction to the name of the TAB editor. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of the July 21 2010 meeting. Copies of our minutes may be requested from the Town Clerk's office.

Special Ed Report—Fred Isaacs

The SPEDPAC calendar is not quite final yet. Our first meeting will be September 23 at 6:00 PM in the Lowell School library. The topic is "Meet the Director of Student Services". [The SPEDPAC later moved this meeting to September 30 at 5:00 PM at the Cunniff School library.]

Closed Captioning - Carol Menton

We are awaiting a green light from the Town Council. George has a press release ready to go. We need to coordinate with them by e-mail. We will go through the Town Manager. We would like to see the Town Council member slot on our commission filled; it would make it easier to coordinate things like this.

Dining Guide

We need to do another round of checking the restaurants; we've found inaccuracies in the latest round of updates; We will hold off on printing more hard copies until we have completed checking. We still have a few large print copies of the last edition. We will make 400 copies of the flier for the on-line version of the guide for the Faire on The Square.

Safety and Access

The DPW will get the list of audible signals to us.

Faire on The Square

We will have the same table. Hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We will have ASL interpreters. Also SPEDPAC calendars.

Community Access Monitor Training

Will be Wednesday October 27 and Thursday Oct 28 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Sign up

for it by Oct 11. ASL training and architectural access training are also available.
Building plans

We examined plans for 140 Pleasant St. and 264 Arlington St. We would like to invite the developer for 264 Arlington St to our next meeting.

Complaint

We discussed a complaint from a disabled Watertown resident faced with a rent increase. The landlord is willing to keep the rent the same if the tenant gives up the parking space. Since there is no ordinance or regulation requiring a landlord to provide parking, there does not seem to be anything that we can do here.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:11 PM

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Fred P. Isaacs.