

**Danbury Commission for Persons
With Disabilities**

**September 14, 2004
6:30 PM
City Hall, 3rd Floor**

Attendees:
John, Robie,
Doris, Ken,
Carlene, Chad

Agenda

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Welcome

Discussion: John opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Resignation

Discussion: Kris Ginty is resigning from the Commission due to personal reasons. Kris has been a member of the Commission for years. We thank her for the support she has given to the city.

Robie Barile was recommended and accepted as new Secretary.

Conclusions:**Action items:**

Email will be sent to Melissa for the Secretarial position change to be added to website.

Person responsible:

John

Deadline:**Membership Issues**

Discussion: Robie Barile will be taking over the Secretarial position due to Kris Ginty's resignation. We have not heard from Tony Vitti, or Bobby Perez. Current members include: John, Robie, Carlene, Doris, Ken, and Chad.

We will need to recruit new members. We need 3 commission members and 3 alternates. Criteria for members include:

1. Residency within the City of Danbury
2. A resident with disability
3. A family member who has a disability

Affiliation with organizations dealing with disabilities

To be able to increase membership, we need to be more visible in the community. Robie can update our brochures and perhaps we can attend a fair to get our name and brochures out into the community. We could also advertise the positions needed on the cable network, as well as perhaps be a guest on a cable show.

Conclusions: Our goal for this year is to increase membership in the Commission.

Action items:

Will send current list of membership to Mike McLachlan for review and approval. Update current member list.

Person responsible:

John

Deadline:

Update Commission's brochure and make copies.

Robie

Accessible Voting Booths

Discussion: John wanted to know if all voting places had voting booths that would be accessible to persons with disabilities. He will go to the registrar's office and ask.

Conclusions:**Action items:**

Go ask registrar if voting booths are at sites for persons with disabilities.

Person responsible:

John

Deadline:**Phone Log**

Discussion: 3 calls this month. One from Waterbury regarding a Workers' Comp issue, one

from Waterbury for an advocate, and a disabled vet looking for transportation to the VA. Recommendations were given to each caller.

Conclusions: Robie will take over the phone log for next month.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Open Discussion

Discussion: We went over the meeting schedule to be sure we didn't have any dates that conflicted with holidays. The schedule is as follows:

Oct 12 , Nov 9, Dec 13, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 9, and Jun 14

New Freedom Initiative was handed out to members.

Conclusions:

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Make a flyer with meeting dates.	Robie	

Next Meeting

Discussion: October 12, 2004

Conclusions:

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 7:30 PM.