

**Brattleboro Town Advisory Committee for Americans with Disabilities Act of
1990**

Minutes for September 13, 2013

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Brattleboro ADA Advisory Committee is dedicated to creating awareness of ADA concerns while providing information about, advocacy for, and solutions to the Town’s ADA-related needs and issues.”

Meeting convened at 10:01 AM

Whitney Nichols presiding as Chair.

Members Present: Gary Snyder, Missy Boothroyd, and Deb Baker(ASL interpreter), Hannah O’Connell (Public Works), Geni Babkirk (secretary), Whitney Nichols.

Guests present: Kathleen Achilles (Access program), Melinda Underwood(VABVI)

Members Absent: Elizabeth Snyder, Candace Stoumen, Bob Sisler

Review of Minutes of August: no corrections. Motion made by Gary to approve the minutes as filed. Second by Missy. All in favor. Minutes approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missy: We now have ASL interpreters at the Town Selectboard meetings. This is funded until meetings in January 2014. Many of the deaf community stream these meetings. She has been receiving so many phone calls and emails from delighted peers. They are very grateful for this improvement.

Hannah, addressing a question about Selectboard updates or mention of our committee: the Selectboard does not give updates from every committee at every meeting. They only discuss when there is a specific issue to be addressed from a committee; there are over 24 town committees currently.

Melinda: White Cane Awareness Day will be Tuesday, October 15 this year at noon. There will be a speaker, an author, details to follow via email. She will also email the flyer on this event.

New Business

Rest of this meeting will be devoted to discussion and modification of the Draft of By-laws for this committee.

MEMBERSHIP

Discussion of how many members on the committee 5, or 7

Terms: 3 year terms. Or, 2 @3yr term, 2 @2yr terms, and 1 @1yr term, to be adjusted if there are to be 7 members. Concern over keeping a staggered rotation ratio of experienced members to new members.

The Town Charter is available online at the Town of Brattleboro website.

Hannah will check to see if answers to these two questions are already determined in the town charter.

Questions to be Resolved:

1. When will the terms begin? What month?
2. When will the Officer positions begin each year?

Melinda proposed an educational workshop. Must receive more details on this proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

Next meeting 11 October, 2013 at 10:00AM, Marlboro Graduate Center, 28 Vernon Street, Brattleboro, VT.

Respectfully submitted,

Geni Babkirk Sept. 18, 2013