

## Minutes

Commission for the Disabled - Special Meeting, Mon, Feb. 22, 5:00 pm, small conference room.

(The meeting scheduled for Feb. 8 was cancelled on account of snow)

Attending: D. Ciota, T. Phillips, Ed. Pearson (visitor), S. Signorelli, C. Calabro, S. Santori, W. Kenyon

Called to order: 5:05

1. The provisional minutes from the Jan. 11 were accepted as read.
2. S. Signorelli presented a plan for this commission to communicate with the Ridgefield public re Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Proposed articles for Ridgefield Press include:
  - ADA website requirements
  - town parking
  - housing
  - playgrounds and recess areas
  - access to businesses
  - ADA features on streets and sidewalks, e.g., curb cut outs
  - fire alarms and ADA features
  - working with the fire and police departments for special needs and disabilities
  - service animals.
3. The Feb. 4 issue of Ridgefield Press reported on its front page a discussion by the Board of Selectmen aimed at assessing the town's ADA status. T. Phillips is working towards an RFP for an outside contractor to do so.
4. D. Ciota reported on a requirement of ADA -- websites are required to provide a facility for the vision-impaired to be able to scan a web-page's graphic images (for example) with a text scanner.

W. Kenyon, secretary

Future meetings:

Mar. 14

Apr. 11

May 16

Jun. 13

Sept. 12

Oct. 17

Nov. 14

Dec. 12