

## Minutes

Commission for the Disabled – Monday, Jan. 9, 5 pm, small conference room.

Attending: D. Ciota, T. Phillips, G. Romero, C. Calabro, C. Santori, E. Pearson, W. Kenyon; 11 visitors listed at bottom.

Convene: 5:05

1. The minutes of Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 meeting were read. It was suggested that the minutes of the Dec. 12 meeting (special meeting with ADA coordinator Betsy Allen of Somerville, MA) should include the comments made by individuals. C. Calabro will forward these to W. Kenyon. The minutes were accepted, subject to this revision.

2. To progress towards this Commission's major goal of an ADA self-assessment for Ridgefield, we need to interact with the Board of Selectmen. It was also proposed to obtain a copy of the Request For Proposal which Somerville issued, which led to the contract for outside assessment.

3. It was unanimously agreed to change from our past schedule of meeting 2nd Mondays – so as to avoid conflict with Board of Education meetings where possible –to the following schedule:

a). Jan. and Feb: 2nd Monday, since 3rd Monday are civic holidays.

b). Mar-Jun and Sep-Dec: 3rd Monday.

Meetings will be at 5:00 pm in small conference room. W. Kenyon will inform First Selectman's office.

4. A number of comments were made by visitors, commenting on mobility problems – transportation and accessibility. An example of the latter is the unsatisfactory new "Accessible" approach to CVS. Chairman Ciota clarified Ridgefield's grievance procedure (required by ADA law). T. Phillips (Social Services, Town of Ridgefield) pointed out that transportation is a complex issue.

Adjourn: 6:10

Visitors:

Gregory "Jake" Jacobson  
Jeff Doyle  
Sheila Hoyt  
Peter Hoyt  
Brian Dunn  
Paul Fitzpatrick  
Bill Pfohl  
Pam Hartnett  
Jason Hartnett  
Anila Sharma  
Marc Monte