

# Minutes



## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2006

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

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<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Rory Carmody, Chariperson, Kate Bowden, Robert Pires, Arthur Plitt, Susan Silva, James deBoer, Michelle Hayes	
<b>ABSENT:</b>		
<b>EXCUSED</b>	John McDonald, , J. Patassi, Steven Florio, Jan Ruggiero, Leo Canuell, Casey Gartland,	
	<b>AGENDA TOPICS</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Rory Carmody
	Meeting called to order at 9:15 am	
<b>2</b>	<b>REVIEWED APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS</b>	Rory Carmody Al Tardie

1.) The committee approved the request from Pawtucket to renovate 3 Fire Stations to be used as Polling Places

MOTION: Made by KB seconded by AP Motion Passed

2.) The request from the Town of Westerly was put on hold till the town gives us the cost for installing an enclosed lift for accessibility. At which time the Chairperson will ask the Committee to meet for discussion and amount to grant the town of Westerly.

MOTION: Made by AP and seconded by SS Motion Passed

3.) Also discussed the request from the City of Woonsocket, Al was directed to meet with the Board of Canvassers Director to obtain a more spicific breakdown of work that was conducted on the 3 Fire Stations for voting accessibility. Al will make his report to the Chairperson at which time it will be voted on.

The committee also discussed the possibility of having a Press Release when the construction is completed in the various locations that were renovated. Also mentioned the possibility of inviting Governor Carcieri present to observe the renovations that were made to provide total accessibility to persons with disabilities to vote.

3	<b>WORKING TRAINING VIDEO</b>	Rory Carmody Kate Bowden
	<p>Kate Bowden stated to discuss the training video which The Disability Law Center and the Governor’s Commission are in partners along with the Board of Elections to create a training video for poll workers. Kate met with Bob Rapoza from the Board of Elections and Bob Cooper from the Governor’s Commission and viewed a video that was provided from Montana. Kate also has been in contact with people in Montana to obtain permission to use a portion of their video for us to use in our video.</p> <p>Also Rory and Kate will check with URI as well as RISD to see if students could possibly create the training video under our supervision.</p>	
4	<b>NEW INSPECTION FORM AND FUTURE POLLING SITE INSPECTIONS</b>	Al Tardie
	<p>Al discussed the new inspection form that will be presented to the Board of Elections for their approval to be used in the near future. The new inspection form will replace the one we now use. The new form is one that the Dept. of Justice recommends us to use.</p>	
5	<b>Other Business</b>	Rory Carmody
6	<p><b>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> , at 9:00 am <u>Please notify Al by phone (401) 462-0105 or e-mail <a href="mailto:atardie@gcd.ri.gov">atardie@gcd.ri.gov</a> if you will or will “NOT” be attending.</u></b></p>	Rory Carmody
7	<b>ADJOURN</b>	Rory Carmody
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.  MOTION: to adjourn was made by KB 2<sup>nd</sup>ed by SS  Motion Passed</p>	