## **Commission on Disability**

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## February 17, 2016

In Attendance: Richard Martinelli, Patrick Callahan, Susete Callahan,

Melissa Newman (clerk)

Call to Order: 7:00

A moment of silence was held in memory of Bert Howe, chairman of the Commission on Disability. He will be remembered for his diligence and commitment to the handicapped residents of Bellingham.

Patrick made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting and Susete seconded that motion

**Financial:** Report was not read as we did not have a copy. No vouchers were signed.

Patrick made a motion to accept the report written for the 2015 Town Annual Report. Susete seconded the motion

**Correspondence:** No correspondence. Bert's daughter will bring everything Bert had to Richard within the next few weeks.

Old/New Business: Susete reported that she had gone to the Senior Center and asked that Laura DiMattia, Director put the word out that this commission needs board members and to see if she knew anyone at the center who might be interested. Richard will speak with Denis Fraine to see what steps need to be taken to keep the Commission intact. With Bert's passing and the end of Patrick's term, the board only consists of two members. There will be another meeting in March, and decisions will be made. A discussion took place regarding the \$776.11 that has been sitting in one of the accounts for several years. The members of the board would like to purchase, have built or put in place something of use for handicapped residents of Bellingham, in honor and memory of Lambert Howe. Denis Fraine will be consulted to see if this is possible and if so, request will be taken on where something is most needed.

Adjournment: 7:20

Next meeting: March 16, 2016