



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Commission on Disability

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Mayor

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

Minutes from May 9, 2013

Called to Order: 2:05 PM

1) Roll Call: Chairman William Fontaine, Vice-Chairman Dennis Polselli, Mike Geary, Debbie Pacheco, and Ken Pacheco

Excused: Lisa Atkinson,
Absent: Dr. Henry Vaillancourt HHS (Ad-hoc)
Public: Daniel Robillard

2) Public Input: Dan Robillard stated he hopes the Commission might consider traveling twice a year to the Housing Authority for the needs and concerns of the disabled residents of the community.

3) Acceptance of minutes: from April 11, 2013
Motion: Mike Geary
Second: Debbie Pacheco
All in favor, none opposed

4) Bills and Communications: We received a letter from the Disability Law Center inviting us to a workshop on June 7th at the Best Western in Marlboro, MA

5) Awareness:

- a) Handicap parking abuse at polling place: Ken Pacheco went to a meeting which will provide a monitor to direct on where to go and exit the polling place.
- b) Disability Parking Forum : Mr. Polselli needs to set a date and time at the Police Station.
- c) "Elk's Lodge" 4500 N. Main St - Chairman Fontaine stated he will see if they have a handicapped ramp on the building.
- d) Chairman Fontaine stated that Mr. Biszko reviewed the list of the parking lots, with improper and/or missing HP signs. He stated that half of the list is done. He further stated that Mr. Biszko will also check to see if they have the proper number of marked HP areas at Jerry Remy's.

6) Old Business:

- a) BETA - tabled until June 13, 2013
- b) Accessible Van Service: Ken Pacheco stated it would be a good idea for all the taxi cab companies to be required to have "x" amount of vehicles HP accessible in their fleet in order to have medallion's. Ken Pacheco stated it is now in the legal department for research and in consideration of a possible city ordinance. Ken Pacheco will work with the city's law department to develop an ordinance restricting medallions before licensing begins again. Chairman asked for a motion to have Ken speak with the law department on this issue.

Ken Pacheco will also look into the Commission possibly offering grants to retrofit or newly fit cabs with lifts to assist in the purchase.

Motion: Dennis Polselli
Second: Mike Geary
All in favor, none opposed

Ken Pacheco will also look into legal dept for an incentive for a company to distribute a grant to assist in mechanical operation.

- c) Financial Sub-Committee information - tabled until June 13, 2013
- d) "Inclusion Playground" Ken Pacheco has to check with auditing to see if the funds released will go to the non-profit, (St. Anne's Neighborhood Assn.) or to the city, as a gift.

7) New Business: Chairman Fontaine requested permission to take the Agenda out of order:

Motion: Dennis Polselli
Second: Ken Pacheco
All in favor, none opposed

- a) Commission Brochure: Debbie Pacheco will have a draft on June 13, 2013
- b) Budget Report
- c) Police Report: Police Dept request to purchase unmarked police vehicle.
- d) Chairman Fontaine requested an Executive Session to discuss finances following the meeting

8) Agenda: June 13, 2013

Elk's Lodge
BETA
Report Mr. Biszko
Commission Brochure
Financial Sub-Committee information request
Executive Session

9) Adjourn: Time 3:18 PM
Motion: Debbie Pacheco
Second: Mike Geary
All in favor, none opposed