



# City of Fall River Massachusetts

## Commission on Disability

**WILLIAM A. FLANAGAN**  
*Mayor*

**WILLIAM FONTAINE**  
Chairman

**DENNIS POLSELLI**  
Vice Chairman

Minutes from June 13, 2013

Called to Order: 2:05 PM

1) Roll Call: Chairman William Fontaine, Vice-Chairman Dennis Polselli, Mike Geary, Ken Pacheco, Lisa Atkinson, Dr. Henry Vaillancourt, HHS (Ad-hoc) Debbie Pacheco

2) Public Input: None

3) Acceptance of minutes: from May 9, 2013

Motion: Mike Geary

Second: Lisa Atkinson

All in favor, none opposed

4) Bills and Communications: Chairman William Fontaine would like permission from the Commission to speak with Paul Remy (former Commissioner) regarding the website lease that is due in August. Chairman William Fontaine would like to pay on his credit card first then come back to the Commission with fee and be reimbursed.

a) Ken Pacheco stated the Commission can meet in the City Council Chambers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month until January 2014. He will make the request for further meeting's in January to meet there monthly thereafter.

5) Awareness:

a) Commission Brochure: Dr. Vaillancourt recommended some corrections and additions.

Debbie Pacheco stated the corrections would be made. The final copy will go to the Mayor's Office and the legal department to review it. After that, it can go to the print shop.

The Commission needs to decide where to distribute them. Dr. Vaillancourt suggested possibly distributing them to the senior centers with Footprints newsletters.

b) Disability Parking Forum : Mr. Polselli stated the Forum will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Fall River Police Dept, in the Fall River Community Room.

FRGTV will be there for filming.

6) Old Business:

- a) BETA: Ken Pacheco stated there was nothing new to report and he would like it taken off the agenda until further information is obtained. He will advise the Commission when to place it back on the Agenda.
- b) Accessible Van Service: Ken Pacheco stated he was waiting on the legal department. He stated he would get the information. Possibly do it in an ordinance then go through a public hearing process maybe for July meeting.
- c) Police Vehicle: Ken Pacheco asked to withdraw the finance piece as it needs to be discussed. There are two options he stated; a purchase or a lease.
- d) Inclusion Playground: Ken Pacheco stated we can do an in-house transfer and wait until it is necessary to put it in the account. The transfer will be from the Handicap Parking Account to Capital Account under Community Maintenance.
- e) Financial Subcommittee: Ken Pacheco will forward the report from Mrs. Ferreira, Traffic Dept. to Brenda Ritz so she can forward it to Dennis Polselli.
- f) Budget and Police Report: Mrs. Ritz stated the numbers are accurate. Dr. Vaillancourt stated that the Commission is reaching the phase where it appears expenditures are out pacing its income.
- g) “Elks Lodge” 4500 N. Main St: Chairman William Fontaine spoke with Mr. Biszko to check on status of accessibility. He drove by the property today and nothing has been done. The Chair stated that the Commission is being put in a position to file a complaint with the AAD. Nothing is being done at the local level.  
Vice-Chairman Dennis Polselli would like to invite Mr. Biszko to the July meeting to get acquainted with the building inspector and to see what Mr. Biszko’s next step is after he sends the violation.
- h) Handicap Parking abuse at polling places: Chairman William Fontaine spoke with Mrs. Camara and everything should be all set. If there are any issues he would like the public to contact the Commission of Disability and/or Mrs. Camara of the Elections Department.

7) New Business: Chairman Fontaine recommended a new “Membership Committee” consisting of Ken and Debbie Pacheco. They will meet next week. The Chairman stated he would check on Open Meeting Laws. A motion for the meeting to be held in July was made:

Motion: Ken Pacheco  
Second: Debbie Pacheco  
All in favor, none opposed

- a) Chairman Fontaine made a motion to go into Executive Session for the discussion of the Police Detail Program.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman William Fontaine-yes

Vice-Chairman Dennis Polselli-yes

Mike Geary-yes

Ken Pacheco-yes

Lisa Atkinson-yes

Debbie Pacheco-yes

- b) Reconvene Time to regular meeting at 3:29 P.M.

- 8) Agenda: July 11, 2013

Update website with Mr. Remy

Update/Vote on Commission brochure

Report on Disability Parking Forum

Mr. Biszko, Code Enforcement

Sgt Furtado, F.R.P.D.

Lt. Bernier, F.R.P.D.

Financial Sub-Committee report

Membership Committee report

- 9) Adjourn: Time 3:35 PM

Motion: Debbie Pacheco

Second: Lisa Atkinson

All in favor, none opposed