



# City of Fall River Massachusetts

## Commission on Disability

**WILLIAM A. FLANAGAN**  
*Mayor*

**WILLIAM FONTAINE**  
Chairman

**DENNIS POLSELLI**  
Vice Chairman

Minutes from August 8, 2013

Called to Order: 2:05 PM

- 1) Roll Call: Chairman William Fontaine, Ken Pacheco, Lisa Atkinson, Dr. Henry Vaillancourt, HHS (Ad-hoc), Debbie Pacheco, Claudia Viens, HHS

Excused: Vice. Chair. Dennis Polselli

Absent: Mike Geary

- a) Chairman Fontaine asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the discussion of the Police Detail Program.  
Motion: Debbie Pacheco  
Second: Lisa Atkinson

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman William Fontaine – yes

Ken Pacheco – yes

Debbie Pacheco – yes

Lisa Atkinson – yes

- b) Reconvene Time to regular meeting at 2:23 P.M.

- 2) Public Input:
  - a) Dan Robillard stated he would like the Commission to work with Mayor Flanagan on city events. Also, to be a part of the planning stages so there would be someone present from the City Disability Commission.
  - b) Mr. Robillard would also like the city to purchase a Braille machine for the Government Center, so public documents can be printed in Braille.
  - c) Mr. Robillard would like all Department Heads to work with the Commission on Disability, so Fall River will be more accessible.

- 3) Acceptance of minutes: from June 13, 2013

Motion: Lisa Atkinson  
Second: Debbie Pacheco

4) Bills and Communications:

- a) Ground Breaking Celebration – Everyone is invited on August 9, 2013 –  
50 Middle St Kennedy Park

5) Awareness:

- a) Commission Brochure: Debbie Pacheco stated the brochure is all finished.

Motion made by Debbie Pacheco to pass on the Commission Brochure that was developed to be presented to the Legal Department and the Mayor's office. Then it can be printed.

Second: Lisa Atkinson

- b) ADA awareness day – October 3, 2013: If any one has ideas for this event, contact Mr. Polselli.

Motion made by Lisa Atkinson for Mr. Polselli to allocate \$500.00 toward ADA awareness day.

Second: Ken Pacheco

Ken Pacheco made an amendment to the motion to allow Mr. Polselli to spend up to \$500.00 toward ADA awareness day.

Second: Debbie Pacheco

- c) Dr. Henry Vaillancourt has been replaced by Christy M. DiOrio, Esq.. She will become a AD-hoc member. She can be reached at 508-324-2650.

Debbie Pacheco will send Christy M. DiOrio, Esq. a letter regarding the meetings.

Chairman William Fontaine requested to take the Agenda out of order.

All in favor, none opposed

Mr. Robillard asked Ken Pacheco if the city currently has a Braille machine. Mr. Pacheco stated we do not have one. If we need to, we would just contract out.

6) Old Business:

- a) Commission web site: Ken Pacheco made a motion to reimburse Chairman William Fontaine \$45.00 for the fee of the web site.

Second: Debbie Pacheco

- b) Police Dept. tickets-citations: Lisa Atkinson made a motion to accept the report.

Second: Debbie Pacheco

Chairman Fontaine requested Claudia Viens to add on to the year total to the Citation report.

- c) Membership Committee: There were three letters of interest for Commission: Mike Geary, Lisa Atkinson and Dennis Polselli. Who are Commissioners now and there terms expire this month.

Debbie Pacheco makes a motion for the letters of interest to forward to the mayors office for a 3 year term.

Second: Ken Pacheco

- d) Financial Subcommittee: The report will be reviewed when they set up a date to meet.
- e) ADA and AAB compliant process: Debbie Pacheco makes a motion for Mr. Pacheco to intervene on behalf of the Commission to ask Mr. Biszko to come to the next board meeting.  
Second: Lisa Atkinson

Chairman William Fontaine stated in March 2011 the Chairman sent Mr. Biszko a letter regarding Burlington Plaza. They are still in violation.

Lisa Atkinson asked if Elk's Lodge was resolved. Chairman William Fontaine stated the issue has not been resolved. These are the questions some of the Commissioners would like to ask Mr. Biszko.

#### 7) New Business:

- a) Election of Officers: Mr. Pacheco requested to nominate William Fontaine for President.

All in favor, none opposed

Mr. Pacheco requested to nominate Dennis Polselli for Vice-Chairman.

All in favor, none opposed

Chairman William Fontaine would like to nominate Ken Pacheco for Secretary.

Second: Lisa Atkinson

All in favor, none opposed

Chairman William Fontaine requested to take the Agenda out of order.

All in favor, none opposed

Chairman William Fontaine would like to contact Councillor Michael Miozza and Chief Richard Aguiar and the other group involved with Evacuation in case Of Emergency. To express the interest of the Commission in finding out,

what they have planned for the disability community.

Mr. Pacheco made a motion for Chairman William Fontaine to contact Councillor Michael Miozza and Chief Richard Aguiar.

Second: Lisa Atkinson

8) Agenda: September 12, 2013

Awareness Day

Mr. Biszko, -Director of Inspectional Services

HP Program

Braille Service

Financial Sub-Committee report

9) Adjourn: Time 2:59 PM

Motion: Debbie Pacheco

Second: Lisa Atkinson

All in favor, none opposed