



# City of Fall River Massachusetts

## Commission on Disability

**WILLIAM A. FLANAGAN**  
*Mayor*

**WILLIAM FONTAINE**  
Chairman

**DENNIS POLSELLI**  
Vice Chairman

Minutes from April 11, 2013

Called to Order: 2:12 PM

1) Roll Call: Lisa Atkinson; Mike Geary; Vice. Chair. Dennis Polselli;  
Chairman William Fontaine; Dr. Henry Valincourt HHS (Ad-hoc)

Excused: Debbie Pacheco; Ken Pacheco

2) Public Input: None

3) Acceptance of minutes: from March 14, 2013  
Motion: Mike Geary  
Second: Lisa Atkinson

4) Bills and Communications: None

5) Awareness:

a) Handicap parking abuse program: Vice. Chair. Polselli will coordinate submitted ideas into an acceptable format for FRGTV. He will be the contact person for this project.

b) Commission Brochure: Send information to Debbie Pacheco  
Tabled until May 09, 2013

c) "Inclusion Playground" release donation (\$25,000) pledged by the Commission:  
Motion: Mike Geary  
Second: Lisa Atkinson

Chairman Fontaine will contact Ken Pacheco regarding the release of \$25,000 from Commission funds.

6) Old Business: Chairman Fontaine requested permission to take the Agenda out of order: No Objections.

- a) BETA –tabled until May 09, 2013
- d) Accessible Van Service
- e) Police Vehicle

f) Financial Sub-Committee: requested information from Traffic Dept.

b) Curtain Loft- Chairman stated that there are no apparent problems. Any future complaints are to be forwarded to Mr. Biszko

c) Mr. Biszko will check to see if the proper number of marked HP areas are assigned, as required by law, at Jerry Remy's-Brownell St.

Mr. Biszko will review the list of parking lots, with improper/missing HP signs reported by HP patrol.

7) New Business:

Chairman Fontaine withdrew his proposal for purchasing accessible tools (level; door pressure gauge) He will continue to review all concerns/complaints from the public.

All complaints of AAB violations received by the Commission are to be forwarded to the proper city dept.

Mr. Geary reported that in order to gain access to the "Elk's Lodge" 4500 N. Main St. assistance had to be rendered that is not allowed according to ADA laws.

Mr. Geary and his wheelchair were physically carried into the building. This practice is both a safety hazard and humiliating to people who need to use a wheelchair.

Chairman will follow up with a visual inspection.

8) Agenda: May 09, 2013

Accessible Van Proposal

Budget Report

Police Report

BETA

Commission Brochure

Financial Sub-Committee information request

9) Adjourn: Time 2:32 PM

Motion: Lisa Atkinson

Second: Mike Geary