



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Fall River Commission on Disability

C. SAMUEL SUTTER
Mayor

DENNIS POLSELLI
Chairman

DEBBIE PACHECO
Vice Chairman

Minutes from October 8, 2015

Called to order: 2:05 P.M.

- 1) Chairman Polselli opened the meeting by reading the “Open Meeting Law” from the Open Meeting Law Guide.
- 2) Public Input: None
- 3) Roll Call: Chairman Dennis Polselli, Vice-Chairman Debbie Pacheco, Ken Pacheco, Daniel Robillard, Gary P. Howayeck, Esq. ADA Coordinator

Absent: Lisa Atkinson

Staff: Claudia Viens, HHS

- 4) Guest: Julianne Kelly Mass-in-Motion:
Mass in Motion Fall River and Partners for a Healthier Community’s Healthy City Greater Fall River created a web page (<https://www.walkfallriver.org>.) The purpose of the page is to make it easier for people in the City of Fall River and surrounding communities to engage in walking, taking public transportation and using bicycles for both recreation and for commuting.

September 9, 2015 US Surgeon General’s Call to Action “Step it up” to promote Walking And Walkable Communities.
Walkability.Rollability.Possibility- Miss Wheelchair USA 2005 wows the crowd with a dynamic speech to promote and walkable communities.
(<https://www.youtube.com>) Search bar: Walkability.Rollability.Possibility

Fifty percent of adults with disability do not get enough exercise. We need to stop stereotype people with disabilities instead of looking at what they can't do, look at what they can do. Walking is to include everyone even someone with disabilities. We need to share and step up to make our communities accessible for everyone.

5) Acceptance of minutes: August 20, 2015 and September 10, 2015

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Vice Chair. Debbie Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

6) Work Group Updates:

a. AAB/ADA: The work group had a meeting two weeks ago with technology expert Rene Kochman to discuss the possibility that the City Council Chambers could be accessible for the hearing impaired and the possibility of having the City Council Chambers ready for conferencing regards to Open Meeting Law. Mr. Kochman assures the members that both can take place in the City Council Chamber.

b. Commission Policies: No updates at this time.

c. Finance: No updates at this time.

d. Outreach: Update on ADA Awareness Day, October 22
Speakers will be Elaine Ostroff, former Chair. of the Westport Commission Disabilities and Director of MOD, David D'Arcangelo, Chief Daniel S. Racine FRPD. Mr. Pacheco will present a power point presentation. There will also be an ASL Interpreter present.

7) Old Business: Government Center Updates – The Treasurer's Office has an accessible work counter and a roll up accessible desk. The Collectors Office is in the process of being renovated with the accessible work counter and a roll up accessible desk. Also, the elevator and signage are in negotiation.

8) New Business: None

Agenda for November 12, 2015

a) Erik Rousseau, SRTA

b) Update on Placard Abuse from Gary P. Howayeck, ADA Coordinator

c) Work Group Updates

9) Adjourn: 2:55 pm

Motion: Debbie Pacheco

Second: Dan Robillard

