



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Fall River Commission on Disability

C. SAMUEL SUTTER
Mayor

DENNIS POLSELLI
Chairman

DEBBIE PACHECO
Vice Chairman

Minutes from March 12, 2015

Called to order: 2:13 P.M.

- 1) Chairman Polselli opened the meeting by reading the "Open Meeting Law" from the Open Meeting Law Guide.
- 2) Roll Call: Chairman Dennis Polselli, Vice Chair. Debbie Pacheco, Daniel Robillard, Ken Pacheco, Attorney Gary Howayeck, ADA Coordinator

Excused: Michael Geary

Absent: Lisa Atkinson

Staff: Claudia Viens, HHS

- 3) Public Input: None
- 4) Guest: Laura Ferreira, Fall River Traffic Department
There will be a pilot study of Disability Parking Enforcement. The two Officers will have the hand held. The hand held is no writing a ticket, they only have to key in the plate number, make, violation and it will print out.

The biggest problem we have right now is expired placard. When someone receives a new placard, they can bring the old one to the registry or to the Traffic Department.

Mr. Pacheco stated the Department feels if a person now has two placards, that means two people could be using the placard. There are some suggestions

that has come from the Department. The solutions are acceptable to the Administration. We would like for the Commission to finalize them.

Atty. Gary Howayeck asked if before the new placards are issued are there instructions on what to do with the old placard.

Laura Ferreira stated yes, there are two different cinereous. There are individuals that have indefinite placards, but they get renewed every five years by mail. A month before it expires they will receive a new one with a letter telling them what to do with the old one. A lot of people just keep them. Then you have the people with temporary placards.

When I come to the meeting in April, I will bring pictures to show the different cinereous.

Mr. Pacheco also stated we also met with the Administration on the hearing process. If we could put that on the April 9 Agenda.

5) Acceptance of minutes: from December 3, 2014

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Debbie Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Acceptance of minutes: from December 11, 2014

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Debbie Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

6) Communication and Updates:

Motion to withdraw (6a) Update on Children's Aquarium Exploration Center.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Ken Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

b. Universal Access Recreation beginning with Skating:

Chair. Polselli will invite a Representative from Representative Fiola Office to our May 14, 2015 meeting.

7) Work Group Updates:

a. AAB/ADA: Daniel Robillard stated they are working on a draft ordinance.

We also had a meeting with Building Inspector, Joe Biszko in regards to all the outstanding ADA complaints that are currently on file. Mr. Biszko is working on them and we will have another report at the end of April.

Motion to have an ordinance for each taxi company to provide one accessible vehicle with in there fleet to service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year at the regular meter price. With the meter

running if individual needs assistance with the securement process. If the taxi service only has one vehicle on the road during any one business day, that taxi must be the handicap accessible taxi. Forward to the City Council Ordinance Committee – Chair. Jasiel F. Correia.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Debbie Pacheco

Discussion: Ken Pacheco stated on the Ordinance are the requirement for receiving a medallion.

Daniel Robillard stated it could be discussed in Ordinance.

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

- b. By-Laws and Policy: Attorney Howayceck stated he suggest the post changes by motion cannot be done at this time. Any changes needs notice to the Board as a whole with five days notice. You have to distribute the actual proposed changes to everyone that will be voting. And then and only then it is right for vote.

Debbie Pacheco stated the By-Law changes should be on the April Agenda with five days notice before the meeting.

Motion to table all the by-law changes to the April meeting.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Ken Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

- c. Finance: Table until April 9 meeting.

- d. Outreach: Table until April 9 meeting.

8. Old Business:

Commissions Business Cards: Ken Pacheco will check on the availability of the business cards and e-mail Commissioners.

Daniel Robillard asked Mr. Pacheco when could we expect to see the Citation Report in the new format. Mr. Pacheco stated all the Citation Reports are now going to Ms. Ferreira and they will be grouped together.

Motion to reconsider the tabled motion regarding the By-Laws.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Ken Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Motion to table all the By-Law recommendations until the May meeting, but they be distributed well prior to meet with current language in the By-Laws. So, there is no confusion come May 14, 2015. By-Law recommendations will be made and voted on.

9. New Business: Daniel Robillard stated he asked City Clerk to review the Ordinance relative to what a legal quorum would be. Given the fact we have three openings to our maximum number of members. Attorney Howayeck stated this Commission shall be composed of seven members. The rules in the General Law states anywhere between five and nine. Our By-Laws state shall consist of nine. The question is are we compliant with our By-Laws.

A quorum is the majority of voting members. Presently, a quorum consist of four. This Board has to address a few things.

The By-Laws as exist if you look at Chapter 40 Section 8J. There are a few other mandates that are not consistent with our By-Laws.

Chair. Polselli stated the By-Laws that this Commission and other Municipalities was given from Massachusetts Commission on Disability. I would like to see this Commission do exactly what any other Board or Commission does in the City of Fall River.

Agenda for April 9, 2015

- a. Laura Ferreira, Traffic Department
- b. Work Groups Update

10. Adjourn: 3:29 pm
Motion: Debbie Pacheco
Second: Daniel Robillard