



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Fall River Commission on Disability

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Mayor

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

Minutes of the Fall River Commission on Disability
Meeting held March 31, 2016
Government Center
City Council Chamber

Item 1: Chairman Polselli called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
Reading of the Open Meeting Law Recording Advisory by the Chairman.

Item 2: Public Input: None

Item 3: Members present: Dennis Polselli, Chairman, Ken Pacheco,
Dan Robillard, Lisa Atkinson, Gary P. Howayeck, Esq. ADA Coordinator

Excused: Debbie Pacheco, Vice Chairman

Health Dept. Staff: Claudia Viens

Motion to take Agenda out of order Item 5c (2)

Motion: Dan Robillard

Second: Lisa Atkinson

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Item 5: c. (2) Letter of Understanding between Commission and
Fall River Police Department on Disability Parking Enforcement
Program. (Copy of letter is attached and made a part of
the minutes.)

Motion to accept the Letter of Understanding between
Commission and Fall River Police Department on Disability Parking
Enforcement Program.

Motion: Ken Pacheco

Second: Lisa Atkinson

Discussion: Dan Robillard stated from a financial point of view, he could not support two officers. He could support one officer and would never support elimination of this program.

Lisa Atkinson asked if there is any way to renegotiate the fee. Ken Pacheco stated this amount represents the cost of two entry level officers. I would like to continue this conversation on a monthly basis.

Dan Robillard stated the largest expenditure this Commission funds is The Fall River Police Department handicap parking violation enforcement unit. We need the program, but I believe it should not be the biggest expenditure of this Commission. The biggest expenditure of this Commission should be serving individuals with disabilities and making sure the City of Fall River is accessible and complaint.

Roll Call Vote:

Dennis Polselli, Chairman	Yes
Ken Pacheco	Yes
Dan Robillard	No
Lisa Atkinson	Yes
Motion passes	

Motion to take the Agenda out of order Item 5 c (1).

Motion: Dan Robillard

Second: Lisa Atkinson

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Item 5 c. (1)Lisa Atkinson read the financial report.

Chair Polselli stated starting with the April meeting the finance work group will become the finance subcommittee. The Finance subcommittee will meet each month at 1:00 pm prior to the Commission on Disability meeting. Lisa Atkinson will be Chairman.

Motion to renew the Fall River Police Department on Disability Parking Enforcement Program for another year.

Motion: Ken Pacheco

Second: Lisa Atkinson

Discussion: Dan Robillard stated at the same figure \$128,128.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Dennis Polselli, Chairman	Yes
Ken Pacheco	Yes
Lisa Atkinson	Yes
Dan Robillard	No
Motion Passes	

Motion to take the Agenda out of order Item 8.

Motion: Ken Pacheco

Second: Dan Robillard

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Motion to reschedule Commission on Disability meeting to April 11.

Motion: Dan Robillard

Motion to reconsider the motion.

Motion: Dan Robillard

Second: Ken Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Motion to Table Commission on Disability April and May meetings pending future clarification.

Motion: Dan Robillard

Second: Ken Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes: January 14, 2016

Motion to accept: Ken Pacheco

Second: Lisa Atkinson

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Item 5: Work Group Updates:

a.) ADA: The work group would like to see on the April agenda a vote to accept the Tele-Conference piece in the Open Meeting Law.

b.) Policies: Table

d.) Outreach: No updates at this time.

Item 6: Old Business:

The Commission would like to invite City of Fall River Interim Treasurer Paulianne Martins-Teixeira to update the Commission on the misuse citation money.

Item 7: New Business:

Chair. Polselli stated in the future we will have Correspondence and Communications before the Work Group updates. We received a correspondence from Jeff Dugan updating us on some Legislative items. Mainly, the merging of the State Architectural Access rules with the Americans with Disability Act into one set of rules.

There will be a Regional Meeting on June 15 in Attleboro.

Motion to refer to ADA Work Group to consider hosting a Regional Meeting and/or training next year 2017.

Motion: Ken Pacheco

Second: Dan Robillard

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

The Commission would like to put the email: www.fallrivermasscod.org at the end of the meeting when shown on Channel 18.

We received an email from the Inspector General of Commonwealth of Mass, asking the Commission to provide a summary of how the Disability Parking money was spent.

- Item 8: Agenda for April, 2016
- a.) Work Group Updates
 - b.) City Treasurer
 - c.) Tele-Conference Call
 - d.) Proposed Commission Policy vote:
 - 1. Propose policy to have a member of Southeastern Regional Transit Authority come before the Commission once per year, to discuss transportation issues.
 - 2. Propose policy to have a member of Massachusetts Office on Disability come before the Commission once per year, to discuss disability related issues.
 - 3. Propose policy for a new Commissioner to receive access to past documents (minutes, agenda, policy, procedures and financial documents) to have the ability to start with general knowledge.
 - 4. Propose policy to have a member of Fall River Housing Authority come before the Commission once per year to discuss any disability related issues with the FRHA. As well as any programs where the Commission would have an interest in participating.
- Item 9: Adjourn: 3:00 p.m.
Motion: Dan Robillard
Second: Ken Pacheco
All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0