



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Fall River Commission on Disability

C. SAMUEL SUTTER
Mayor

DENNIS POLSELLI
Chairman

DEBBIE PACHECO
Vice Chairman

Minutes from May 14, 2015

Called to order: 2:04 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, Daniel Robillard, Ken Pacheco, Debbie Pacheco, Attorney Gary Howayeck, ADA Coordinator

Excused: Lisa Atkinson, Mike Geary

Staff: Claudia Viens, HHS
- 3) Public Input: None
- 4) Acceptance of minutes: from April 9, 2015
Motion: Daniel Robillard
Second: Debbie Pacheco
All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0
- 5) Work Group Updates:
 - a. AAB/ADA: Dan Robillard stated there is one update with the Ordinance work group to have an amendment for each company to provide one accessible vehicle as a condition of licensure to provide taxi service within the City of Fall River. The rest of the Ordinance will remain the same. Let’s bring it to the City Council, they have to pass it. I think it should be mandatory.

Ken Pacheco stated the problem would be if it was not a condition then no one would have to. If they all decide not to provide the service, then they would be able to opt out.

Chair. Polselli stated he wrote the letter to Chairman Jasiel Correia asking not to reschedule the Ordinance Committee until this Commission met. That was sent to him and I have not heard anything about rescheduling. It will be presented on May 21. It had to be tabled on March 24 because companies felt they were not notified in enough time.

Motion to vote on this Amendment.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Ken Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

- b. By-Laws and Policy: Mrs. Pacheco stated the By-Laws and Policy work group recommendation is this Commission shall follow the provision of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 8J along with the City Ordinances of the City of Fall River. The recommendation is that the Commission no longer operates under the current by-laws.

Motion to repeal the By-Laws of Fall River Disability Commission and replace it with Chapter 40, Section 8J as well as the Ordinances of the City of Fall River.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Debbie Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

- c. Finance: No updates at this time.

- d. Outreach: Chair Polselli stated ADA 25th Anniversary celebration July – October 22 preliminary suggestions. Before the July meeting we could have FRGTV tape an episode on how ADA has affected our lives. Also, an appearance with WSAR will be a way to mark the Anniversary. The July meeting will be scheduled at an offsite location and our guest speaker will be the Housing Authority Director.

October 22 we could have a guest speaker from the Disability History Museum in Conway, Ma. This person would talk to us about how and what led us to go the route of the Americans with Disability Act.

Dates will be announced in June.

- 6) Old Business: Quarterly invoice for the Fall River Police Department Salaries
Chair. Polselli stated when the Commission voted to continue the HP Program for another year. There is no need to have this item on the agenda, except to say it has been paid. We voted to accept the HP Program as a whole when we voted this fiscal year. Release the quarterly payment to Fall River Police Department.

Motion to lift the quarterly invoice for the Fall River Police Department salaries of the Handicap Parking Officers from the table.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Ken Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

7) New Business: Ken Pacheco stated the Commissioner's business cards will be delivered.

8) Adjourn: 2: 22 pm

Motion: Debbie Pacheco

Second: Daniel Robillard