



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Fall River Commission on Disability

JASIEL F. CORREIA II
Mayor

DENNIS POLSELLI
Chairman

DEBBIE PACHECO
Vice Chairman

Minutes of the Fall River Commission on Disability
Meeting held August 11, 2016
Government Center
City Council Chamber

- Item 1: Dan Robillard called the meeting to order.
Reading of the Open Meeting Law Recording Advisory by Dan Robillard.
- Item 2: Public Input: None
- Item 3: Members present: Dennis Polselli, Chairman, Debbie Pacheco, Vice Chairman, Dan Robillard, Ken Pacheco
- Excused: Lisa Atkinson
- Item 4: Guest Presenter: Jeff Dougan, Assistant Director of Community Services Massachusetts Office on Disability

Mr. Dougan started with an update on the MOD 2016 Disability Summit/
Theme: Employment which will be held on September 16, 2016 at the
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center Room 258BC
415 Summer St., Boston, MA 02210 www.mass.gov/mod/summit2016

Mr. Dougan answered the following questions: Update on the
Commission half of the collection of the \$500.00 for Disability placard
abuse 250 for the Fall River and 250 for the Commission. The M.G.L. c
40 2G only applies to funds received from fines for handicap parking
violations not handicap placard abuse violations. The Registry of Motor
Vehicles originally returned 50% of those fines collected and now the state
returns 100% to the municipality.

Mr. Robillard asked Mr. Dougan if he could provide documentation from
the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The next question was: Could a municipality fine lower than the State law of \$100 to \$300 for parking in a Disability parking space?

Mr. Dougan stated under M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 21 (24) states the law made under this section shall be not less than \$100 nor more than \$300.

Mr. Dougan stated the following questions can be found under M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 22G which states the funds so received shall be deposited by the city or town treasurer in a separate account and shall be used solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities.

- a. Can moneys be used for individuals and if so, do you know of any Commissions doing this and are there guidelines for doing this?
M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 22G does not allow funds to be used for private individuals.
- b. Can moneys be used to assist businesses that wish to assist persons with Disabilities in complying with the ADA and providing services?
Public funds cannot be used for private business.
- c. Can Commission moneys be used to assist non-profits in serving persons with Disabilities?
Public funds cannot be used for non-profits.
- d. Can Commission moneys be used in assisting municipal governments provide programs and services for residents with disabilities including compliance activities with ADA?
Yes, as long as the funds are used solely for the benefit of persons with Disabilities.

Do you know of any municipalities that provide captioning of their local meetings on their community access channels such as City Council meetings, Boards of Selectmen meetings or town meetings?

Mr. Dougan stated the only community as of now that is providing captioning of their local meetings would be Watertown Commission.

Does MOD provide trainings on Service Animals and what is considered a Service Animal? Mr. Dougan stated located on www.mass.gov/mod there is a blog for service animals. To request a service animal training contact Rita DiNunzio ADA Training Manager. There are also other trainings on the website.

MOD is looking forward to establishing more Commission throughout the Commonwealth. For more information visit the website: www.mass.gov/mod/establishacod.

- Item 5: Acceptance of Minutes: June 20, 2016
Motion to accept: Dan Robillard
Second: Debbie Pacheco, Vice Chair.
All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Item 6: Work Group Updates:

- a.) ADA: No updates at this time.
- b.) Policies: No updates at this time.
- c.) Finance Committee: No updates at this time.
- d.) Outreach: ADA Awareness Day Proposals:

Chair. Polselli stated invitations have been sent out for save the date

Invite other communities

Follow up from the MOD Summit 2016/ Employment

Possible speakers: Mass Rehab Commission/Fall River Career

Center/ retired Federal Newport Naval Base

History of the Commission

Chair. Polselli will send a formal letter to Mayor Jasiel Correia II.

Wendy Gonzales, SCIL, Option Consular, will inform the

Commission regarding co-sponsor for Emergency Management

Preparedness. Mr. Dougan also suggested contact

MOD Emergency Preparedness.

Item 7: Old Business: Mr. Pacheco stated the city presented a soft opening on the second inclusion playground at North Park.

Dan Robillard stated he would like to clarify last month's discussion on PCA regarding overtime. Actually he spoke regarding PCA sick time.

Chair. Polselli asked Mr. Dougan if he could give an update on the Massachusetts Senate Bill 1323 regarding Architectural Access Rules. Mr. Dougan stated the Bill was passed by the Senate and is still in the House Ways of Means.

Mr. Pacheco stated the Survey of the city and towns should be sent to the City Engineer and a copy to the ADA Coordinator.

Item 8: New Business:

- a.) Agenda for September 8, 2016
 - 1. ADA Awareness Day Expenditure
 - 2. Guest Fall River Housing Authority
 - 3. Election of officers
 - 4. Work Group Updates

Item 9: Adjourn:

Motion: Debbie Pacheco, Vice Chair.

Second: Dan Robillard

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0