



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Fall River Commission on Disability

C. SAMUEL SUTTER
Mayor

DENNIS POLSELLI
Chairman

DEBBIE PACHECO
Vice Chairman

Minutes from September 10, 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, Lisa Atkinson

Absent: Gary P. Howayeck, Esq. ADA Coordinator

Staff: Claudia Viens, HHS
- 4) Guest: YMCA of South Coast: Nancy LaRue Bonell Chief Operating Office/Vice-President YMCA of South Coast and Frank Duffy Executive Director of the Fall River Branch.: The Fall River YMCA is now totally an accessible facility, from the parking lot to the swimming pool. The membership is monthly and financial aid is available.
- 5) Acceptance of minutes: August 20, 2015
Motion to table the minutes from August 20, 2015 to October 8, 2015.
Motion: Daniel Robillard
Second: Vice Chair. Debbie Pacheco
All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

6) Election of Officers:

Motion to nominate Dennis Polselli as Chairman of the Fall River COD for the Year 2015 – 2016.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Ken Pacheco

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Motion to nominate Debbie Pacheco as Vice Chairman of the Fall River COD for the Year 2015 – 2016.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Lisa Atkinson

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Motion to nominate Ken Pacheco as Secretary of the Fall River COD for the Year 2015 – 2016.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Lisa Atkinson

All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

7) Work Group Updates:

- a. AAB/ADA: The work group went to a meeting with Cambridge COD Director regarding how their accessible taxi service runs. In the City of Cambridge there is 225 medallions and Fall River has only 25 medallions. Cambridge is next to Metro Boston and is very different than Fall River. Within the State of Massachusetts there are not a lot of accessible taxi services. This Commission needs to be concerned with the needs of Fall River.

Government Center Major Construction Update: In the Treasure/Collectors Office will be a step down counter for accessibility.

Taxi Survey: There have only been two positive responses from the survey. The deadline for the survey was 10 days which would be September 23.

We could consider putting the surveys in the waiting rooms in Disabilities Resource Offices also on the Commissions website.

We will continue to gather the information. When we are ready to go before the Ordinance Committee, we can state the survey is closed and post on the Fall River Government Television.

- b. Commission Policies: No updates at this time.

- c. Finance: No updates at this time. We have not received any reports in a long time. I need to contact Brenda Ritz and Mrs. Ferreira to see if the reports could be submitted monthly.

- d. Outreach: Chair. Polselli stated the press release for ADA Awareness Day will go out October 1. If anyone has suggestions please send them to Chairman Polselli. Chair. Polselli sent a request for ASL Interpreter to see if there is anyone available for October 22.

Also, Chair. Polselli would like to invite Chief Daniel S. Racine FRPD to ADA Awareness Day regarding an update on the Handicap Enforcement program.

8) Old Business: None

- 9) New Business: All Commission on Disability documents are located in the Fall River Health & Human Services, Room 431 if the public is interested in reviewing any materials.

Agenda for October 8, 2015

- a) ADA Awareness Celebration Final Arrangements
- b) Julianne Kelly: Mass-in-Motion
- c) Update on Placard Abuse from Gary P. Howayeck, ADA Coordinator

- 10) Adjourn: 3:19 pm
Motion: Debbie Pacheco
Second: Dan Robillard