



City of Fall River Massachusetts

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

Dennis Polselli
Chairman

Debbie Pacheco
Vice-Chairwoman

**Minutes of the Fall River Commission on Disability
Conference Call Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2020
3:00 PM**

Chairman Dennis Polselli called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

1. Chairman Daniel Robillard opened the meeting by reading the Open Meeting Law statement.
2. **Public Input:** No public input.
3. **Members Present:** Commission Chairman, Dennis Polselli; Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco; Commissioner Daniel Robillard; Commissioner Lisa Silva; Commissioner Anne O'Neil-Souza; Attorney Gary Howayeck ESQ, ADA Coordinator

Others Present: Catherine Destremps, Health Department Clerk; SGT. Kevin Dolan, Fall River Police Department

4. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of Wednesday, June, 24, 2020

Motion: Commissioner Daniel Robillard

Second: Commissioner Lisa Silva

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

5. Guest: SGT. Kevin Dolin of the Fall River Police Department - Review of the Disability Parking Enforcement Program

SGT. Kevin Dolan started by reading a few of the police officers' reports. This was to show that they don't just write out tickets. The officer will wait and speak to the people before handing out a ticket.

There are 2 police officers working 4 days a week. Their shifts are from 7:30am to 3:30pm, 3:30 to 11pm - with an overlapping shift from 2:00pm to 10pm. The program has been running smoothly for a few years now. With that said, the police officers have a route that they normally travel.

SGT. Dolan asked about the two police cruises that were promised to the Police Department for the Disability Parking Enforcement Program. The police officers have a hard time finding cruisers to use and some of the cruisers are spares which at times break down. Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco explained that the City was not prepared and it wasn't in the City's budget. The quote from 2019 for one police cruiser was \$42,876.19.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco to take Item 6C out of order.

Second: Commissioner Daniel Robillard
All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Robillard to remove from the table, the discussion, and vote on approval of the purchase of one police cruiser.

Second: Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco
All in favor; none opposed; absentions: 0

6. Work Group Updates

a. ADA Updates:

Lisa and Dennis had a meeting with Michael Losche, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, on July 29, 2020. They talked about remote learning and services to see how they were being provided. Michael spoke of the clear masks for people with hearing impairments and some have been ordered for the classrooms. Michael will be back, in the fall, to meet with the full commission.

Dennis spoke with Glenn Hathaway, from Code Enforcement, about permits for outdoor dining. If outdoor dining is going to continue in the city, Dennis

would like to make sure there is still accessibility to the restaurants and the sidewalks. Guidelines/regulations must be clear and followed properly.

b. Policies: Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco

No updates, at this time.

c. Finance: Removing from the table discussion and vote on the approval of the purchase of one police cruiser.

After much discussion, Commissioner Ann O'Neil-Souza asked to see something in writing from the Director of Financial Services about why the purchase of the cruisers was not approved by the City before the Commission made any decisions.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco to table the discussion and vote on the approval of the purchase of one police cruiser to next month.

Second: Commissioner Ann O'Neil-Souza

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

d. Outreach: Commissioner Lisa Silva

No updates, at this time.

7. Old Business: No updates, at this time

8. New Business: Next meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 3:00pm

9. Adjournment at 4:12pm

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Daniel Robillard

Second: Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

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