



City of Fall River Massachusetts

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Mayor

Dennis Polselli
Chairman

Debbie Pacheco
Vice-Chairwoman

Minutes of the Fall River Commission on Disability Conference Call Meeting Wednesday, June 24, 2020 3:00 PM

Chairman Dennis Polselli called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

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, SGT Michael Hoar

Others Present: Catherine Destremps, Health Department Clerk; Jeff Dougan, Assistant Director of Community Services, Massachusetts Office on Disability; Mary Sahady, CPA, Director of Financial Services

Absent: Commissioner, Ann O'Neil-Souza; Attorney Gary P. Howayeck, Esq., ADA

4. **Approval of the minutes for the meeting of Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

Motion: Commissioner Daniel Robillard
Second: Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco
All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

5. Guest: Jeff Dougan, Assistant Director of Community Services, Massachusetts Office of Disability

Jeff wanted to reinforce that the MOD is doing everything they typically do, they are just doing it differently during this pandemic. Jeff's only concern is the Two Day Community Access Monitoring Training. A decision needs to be made on how to continue with the training which could possibly be virtual.

The MOD is still holding their regular Regional Disability meetings and will be rolling out Municipal ADA Coordinator meetings. The Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Program application process will open in August, close in September and decisions will be made in December.

Mary, Executive Director, Massachusetts Office of Disability is sitting on the return to work working group intended for state employees. Jeff's understanding is there should be a document for this with practices and regulations. This will be a tool for municipal entities to access.

The MOD is partnering with MEMA and other disability organizations to have community discussions. This led to emailing the chair persons and ADA coordinators for monthly meetings to discuss issues and questions related to Covid and Disabilities. There has been 2 discussions to date. Next meeting to be held on July 20, 2020.

The Annual Disability Summit is scheduled for October 2, 2020.

A motion was made by Chairman Dennis Poselli to allow Jeff Dougan, Assistant Director of Community Services, Massachusetts Office on Disability to participate in the Commission on Disability Meetings as a non-voting member.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Daniel Robillard
Second: Commissioner SGT Michael Hoar and Commissioner Lisa Silva
All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

6. Work Group Updates

a. ADA Updates:

No updates, at this time

- b. Policies: Debbie Pacheco, Vice-Chairwoman, Fall River Commission on Disability

No updates, at this time.

- c. Finance: A request to review the purchase of two police cruisers at our meeting on August 8, 2019

After much discussion a motion was made to table the review of the purchase of two police cruisers until the next Commission on Disability Meeting on August 12, 2020.

Motion to Table: Commissioner SGT Michael Hoar
Second: Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco
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, August 12, 2020 at 3:00pm

9. Adjournment at 4: 05pm

Motion to Accept: Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco
Second: Commissioner Daniel Robillard
All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

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Letter from Department of Financial Services