



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes – January 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members: Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Asmaa Aabou-Fouda, Jason Barone, Mario Grimanis; Absent Enza Goodwin;

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2021: Jason Barone/ Mario Grimanis

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from December Meeting: Jason continues to research updates regarding the MBTA and flex booking....will revisit during February meeting

Item #3: SEPAC January Events: SEPAC collaboration with DESE SPED civil rights on 1/13/22....will await update during February meeting;

Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Zoom meeting January 5, 2022: Community Access Monitoring Training, basic / advanced from the Mass Office on Disabilities; AAB variances and housing, full amount of changes not yet known, meeting on 1/26/22... await updates

Item #5: Commission Members Late Items:

- Justice Department addressed common questions re: COVID with regards to ADA, do medical facilities take into account the need for secondary person accompaniment; outdoor retailers/ Streeteries...is access on sidewalks and walkways an issue....ie what happens during events such as “Shop Newbury”??;**
- Ralph attended meetings with neighboring COD's issues discussed were special elections and inadequacies with no mail in / early votingdoes this block disabled rights to vote ? Letter addressed to Governor/ state election commissions.... Motion to sign on this by quorum;**

- **Ralph had 2nd meeting with Revere Beach Partnership/ save the harbor save the bay/ DCR with re: beach access... looking at access to beach, parking , curb cuts, van and ramp access; installation of lighted crosswalks, seawall infrastructure... plan needs to be developed addressing all aspects of accessibility.**
- **Asmaa suggested adding in ASL to the translated materials for COD meetings ...will await updates on adding sign language**

Item #6: Residents' concerns/issues, questions, and Open Forum: no residents in attendance

Item #7: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities due to Covid 19 and the safety of all residents is trying to limit in person appointments due to the unavailability and use at our present office location. Residents can speak to staff from our 311 Constituent Service Center Monday through Friday when you call our office at 781-286-8267. They will be able to answer most questions but if they are unable to or if you would like a call back from our office please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon possible.

As always please let us know if you would like something discussed or brought up and added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can let us know if you would like to speak on any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere.

Next Steps:

Motion to Adjourn: Mario Grimanis/ Jason Barone

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday February 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM