



## **CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

**Meeting Notes – May 10, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**

**Ralph DeCicco - Chair    Pauline Perno - Vice Chair**

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**Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV**

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call of Members: Present** Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Mario Grimanis, Jason Barrone; **Absent:** Asmaa Aabou-Fouda, Robert Brown

**Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2022: Made by Pauline / Second by Mario**

**Item #2: Presentation by Sarah Nechamen who is the Outreach and Training Specialist from DPCC (Disabled Persons Protection Commission). Independent State agency addressing abuse allegations on disabled persons aged 18-59/ DCF covers birth-17, EOE (executive office of elder affairs) covers 60+/ Hotline number 1-800-426-9009, if intake meets criteria, case is assigned an investigator.... if + for abuse person gets added to the abuser registry, removed from current job. If someone reports suspected abuse, DPCC does not release name of the person reporting. Brochures with additional more comprehensive information is available and will be kept at the COD office.**

### **Item #3: SEPAC April Updates/May Events**

- **Robert Brown will provide an update (Not ready in time for Meeting Agenda posting) as of meeting time still no set date for SEPAC / no events scheduled**

**Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Zoom meeting May 4, 2022.**

- **Discussion by Cambridge COD regarding bike lanes and issues they are having and how they are being dealt with; HP spaces replaced as close to the proximity of previous spaces**
- **Discussions regarding State AAB (Architectural Access Board) Variance Applications.; where do applications go once received... COD and Building inspector**

- **Discussions regarding one of the Cities upcoming election and having accessible voting equipment and hesitation because of Covid fears. (simple resolution found); equipment will need to be wiped / disinfected between uses**

**Item #5: Updates/Next Steps from April Meeting**

- **Most next step items from April tabled until June Monthly Meeting**
- **Any update that Pauline may have regarding information about last months discussion started towards an able body person assuming the daily life situations of a disabled person.**
- **BCIL has a similar program to help with this activity/ further the discussion during June's meeting. MBTA has a spotter (an able-bodied person assuming the lifestyle of a disabled person) who monitors potential barriers.**

**Item #6: Commission on Disability looking to fill a Vacancy : the search continues, anyone interested in joining the Committee can check out the COD website**

**Item #7: Communications : none received**

**Item #8: Commission Members Late Items :Jason reports on The Ride, making sure appropriate vehicle is being utilized . there are however, issues with calls and updates not being done; Traffic Commissioner is responsible for signage and assignment of HP spaces. HP spaces please note the "ladder area" is NOT an area that supports parking. When you renew HP placard, its automatic and a reminder to not keep placard hanging from rearview mirror.**

**Item #9: Residents' concerns/issues ; revitalization / signalization of Broadway...sidewalks not yet completed.**

**Item #10: Reminder –**

**The Commission on Disabilities is working remotely. 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 department, 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 al the disabled residents and families of Revere.**

**Next Steps:**

**Motion to Adjourn: Made by Jason / Second by Mario**

**Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM**