

Commission on Disabilities: Meeting Notes – June 13, 2017 – 6 PM

Members present:

Ralph DeCicco -Co-Chair
Michelle DeBellis
Harvey Corin (via phone conference)
Enza Goodwin-Secretary
Paul Mazzone

Members absent:

Bryan Arciero
David Haesy-Co-Chair
(Joe Gravellese-Moderator)

Item #1 Presentation by Jay Mazzola from Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center Will Discuss the 9-1-1 Disability Indicator Forms for Revere Residents:

Mr. Mazzola shared the Disability Indicator Form and explained that residents who have a landline should fill out a form. In the event of an emergency 911 dispatchers will be aware of any special circumstances for the individual with a disability. The form can be found on the disabilities website and also in the Mayors Office.

Item #2 Presentation from Lisa Connor and Alan White from TILL: Ms. Connor and Mr. White presented information from TILL (Toward Independent Living and Learning) which is a non-profit human services based in Dedham who provide spectrum services for ages 3 and up. TILL is one of seven support centers in Massachusetts and they are the provider for Revere. Information about TILL can be found on the disabilities website.

Item #3 Update Regarding Commission on Disability State ADA Planning Grant

Application: Mr. DeCicco and Mrs. DeMauro. The Revere Commission on Disabilities is seeking a planning grant in the amount of \$125,000.00. If awarded this grant the RCoD will use the funds to meet the Self Awareness & Transition Plan criteria of Title II of the ADA. The funds will also be used to support our 7 person committee in seeking professional development to strengthen the board's knowledge & effectiveness In order to meet the need of our residents. Our commission has been idle for many years. In 2017, the commission was re-established. The commission has been actively responding to the needs of residents with disabilities and meeting monthly to address issues of accessibility and compliance.

Item #4 Update on City Events for June:

- Revere Recreation will be hosting a Special Needs Soccer Game on Wednesday, June 21st from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Oak Island Turf Field. This free event will provide children and families to play in an enclosed field.

- Drop and Stay Playgroup for children with special needs will continue to take place Monday nights from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Revere Recreation for \$5 per child which includes snacks and drinks.
- Revere Public schools, under the direction of Dr. Vadala will provide programming for children who attend the special needs summer school program at the Beachmont School from 12:00pm-2:00pm during the summer school cycle.
- No SEPAC meetings during the months of June, July and August. It will reconvene in September.

Item #5 Communications: None

Item #6 Old Business: None

Item #7 Late Items:

- There are 2 Handicap Accessible garden beds available at the new Gibson Park Community Gardens. Please contact Ellie Baker from Revere on the Move with any questions at 781-286-8188 or email her @ ebaker@revere.org
- Residents have contacted The Commission concerned that a bathroom on the first floor at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center was being locked and unable to be used by the elderly and disabled. A communication was sent to Mr. Fielding the director of the Senior Center.

Item #11 Public Comment/Open Forums:

Rocco Falzone (55 Toscano Ave) discussed concerns of the sidewalk being accessible for people with disabilities because of speeding and flooding in and around the Toscano/Asti/Green tree area.

Adjournment Next Meeting: We will not have a meeting in July and reconvene with our meeting on August 8, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall.