



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes– September 13, 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, Asmaa Abou-Fouda, Jason Barrone, Mario Grimanis, Robert Brown Sofia Marmoucha – (Student High School Intern) **Absent** Pauline Perno

Special Moment of Silence for passing of Councilor George J. Rotondo Jr.

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from August 9th, 2022 Made by Jason Barrone and 2nd by Asmaa Abou-Fouda

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from August Meeting

- **Update from Pauline regarding developing calendar for quest speakers at our monthly meetings –(Tabled until October Meeting)**
- **Update from Ralph Regarding any research and information about comfort dogs from agencies such as the Red Cross. (Was mentioned that information was to Pauline and Robert to see if they can further research this and get back to Commission.)**
- **Update Regarding State Grants For Hybrid/Remote Meetings-Governor Baker vetoed line item for money in State Budget established for Cities and Towns to apply Grants for Hybrid/ Remote Municipal Meetings. (Discussed As stated)**

Item #3: SEPAC August Updates – September/October Events

- **Robert Brown spoke about upcoming SEPAC Meeting on September 22. We also put flyers on the screen in English Spanish Arabic and Portuguese. These flyers/ and information is also posted on the Revere Commission on Disabilities Facebook page. Our High School Student Intern also offered to promote these flyers via social media and other forms.**

Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Zoom meeting September 7th

- **Discussions and questions regarding if there is any governance under the ADA Taxicab Companies because of discrimination such as service animals being allowed in vehicles. This would be covered under Title III and is illegal. Also, the town of Fall River mentioned and issue with the Cab Company service in their town being 24/7 but only providing service for people in Wheelchairs until 5 PM. This is discriminator if a cab company has the equipment and manpower to be able to provide this service 24 Hrs also. (Discussed As stated)**

- **Town of Concord mentioned that they now have two adaptive bikes included in their ride share program. They are three-wheel trikes. (Discussed As stated)**
- **Discussion regarding how some cities and towns have issues finding anyone to serve on their Commissions or if they do have people there are issues with the City or towns process or lack thereof in confirming people to be added to Disability Commission. (Discussed As stated)**
- **Disability Policy Consortium (DPC) mentioned that they will be hosting a virtual Legislative Advocacy Workshop on 9/29/22. Anyone interested can go to their website which is www.dpcma.org (Discussed As stated)**

Item #6: Commission on Disability looking to fill a Vacancy

Item #7: Communications (None)

Item #8: Commission Members Late Items

- **Jason Barrone wanted to inform everyone information that he found out regarding the Malden Social Security Office. As a lot of people know who have been trying to reach that office, they are having trouble getting through. This is due to the workforce and possibly management at that location. The state is bringing in someone from the Boston Office to try and alleviate the issues. Workers do not want to come into the office and want to work from home but because of the sensitive of client information the documents cannot be accessed remotely.**

Item #9: Residents' concerns/issues (None)

Item #10: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities Office 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 Mario Grimanis, 2nd by Jason Barrone

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday October 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM