



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda Notes – May 13, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Broadcast Live Via Zoom, Revere TV & Revere TV YouTube Channel

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members Present: Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Jason Barrone, Mario Grimanis, Annmarie

Fiore Absent: Ellie Vargas

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from May 13th, 2025 Made by Jason Barrone & Seconded by Mario Grimanis

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from April 8th, 2025 Meeting

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers. This entails Pauline following up with a specific company regarding their programming to see if they will be able to join our May meeting.**
- **Update to Music Therapy Program/collaboration with Revere Parks and Recreation Department**
- **Update regarding the letter sent to Representative Turco regarding the Revere Beach crossing safety concerns. Specifically, Ellie was going to contact his office directly to update the Commission**

Item #3: Guest Speaker: (If Any) NONE

Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Meeting for Wednesday April 9th & May 7th

April 9th Meeting:

- **Arlington COD mentioned they have a wonderful new universal design playground!**
- **Newburyport COD mentioned that their Project Lifesaver program has people fully trained, equipment arrived, and it's underway**
- **Discussion from various commissions on what it means to be a Disability Commission board member and what duties and tasks should and can be performed.**

May 7th Meeting:

- **DPC announced that it is the State Budget season, and one of their main areas of focus will be advocacy for affordable, accessible housing.**
- **Newburyport COD discussed that they are looking to purchase two incumbent trike bikes to add to the town's ride-share bike program. They are in the process of creating a resource contact document for their community. Lastly, IHCD has been working on finishing their Transition & Self-Evaluation plan for the town.**
- **Somerville COD mentioned that they are assessing the city for accessibility by conducting a walk-around in the community. They will also be taking people in their community with disabilities to a Red Sox game.**
- **Melrose COD is planning an event for Disability Pride Month**

Item #5: All Abilities Day Out At Revere Beach Update

- Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 9th, for 10 AM – 2 PM at Oak Island Bath House, 462 Revere Beach Boulevard, directly across from 461 Revere Beach Boulevard. (Waiting for the final DCR permit Application approval)

Item #6: Any Items from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB) for Variances. - None

Item #7: Commission Members' Late Informational Items

- Chair DeCicco mentioned & discussed the All Abilities Softball Game on Sunday, June 1st, through the Revere Parks and Recreation Department
- Member Jason Barrone mentioned GIC Insurance Issues

Item #8: Residents' concerns/issues None

Item #9: Next Steps:

- Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers. This entails Pauline following up with a specific company regarding their programming to see if they can join our June meeting. Would also like to discuss with them to be a part of our All Abilities Day Out at Revere Beach event on Saturday, August 9th
- Update to Music Therapy Program/collaboration with Revere Parks and Recreation Department
- Update regarding the letter sent to Representative Turco regarding the Revere Beach crossing safety concerns. Specifically, Ellie would contact his office directly to update the Commission (Tabled from May Next Steps since Ellie was absent.)

Item #10: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities office number is 781-286-8267. Residents can also call Revere 311 directly and speak to their staff Monday through Friday. They will answer most questions, but if they are unable to assist you or if you prefer to talk with the Commission directly, please ask to be transferred to the Disability Office. Please leave a detailed message, and we will respond to you shortly.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like something discussed or added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can also let us know if you want to discuss any concerns. The Commission is here to help and assist all disabled residents and their families in Revere.

- Motion to Adjourn: Made by Mario Grimanis & Seconded by Jason Barrone
- Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be on Tuesday, June 11th, 2025, at 6:00 PM

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