



**City of Fall River
Massachusetts**

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

Dennis Polselli
Chairman

Debbie Pacheco
Vice-Chairwoman

**Minutes of the Fall River Commission on Disability
Conference Call Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
2:00 PM**

Chairman Dennis Polselli called the meeting to order at 2:08pm

1. Chairman Dennis Polselli opened the meeting by reading the Open Meeting Law statement.
2. **Members Present:** Chairman Dennis Polselli; Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco; Commissioner Daniel Robillard; Commissioner Lisa Silva; Commissioner Ann O'Neil-Souza

Others Present: Catherine Destremps, Health Department Clerk; Tammy Moutinho, Project Manager, Department of Facilities and Maintenance

Members Absent: Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco; Attorney Gary Howayeck ESQ, ADA Coordinator

3. **Public Input:** No public input
4. **Approval of the minutes for the meeting of Wednesday, November 18, 2021**

Motion: Commissioner Daniel Robillard
Second: Commissioner Ann O'Neil-Souza

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

5. Guest Presenter: No Guest this month

6. Work Group Updates:

- a. ADA Updates: Tammy Moutinho stated that they received \$250,000.00 from the ADA Improvement Grant. The intentions are to level off the Council Hearing Room floor to make it more accessible and update the ramp in the City Council Chambers.

Dennis asked if the adding of brail signage was included in this project. Ann O'Neil-Souza happened to have a copy of the grant scope for the proposed projects and the brail signage is included.

All grant work must be completed by June 2021.

- b. Policies: No updates, at this time
- c. Finance: No updates, at this time.
- d. Outreach: No updates, at this time. Dennis asked Lisa if she could start looking into funding for the ADA Awareness Day scheduled for September 2021.

7. Old Business: No updates, at this time

8. New Business:

- a. Next meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2021 @ 2:00pm
- b. Mayor Paul E. Coogan appointed Debbie Pacheco to the Diversity Committee to represent the Fall River Commission on Disability. Elaina Pevide who is part of this committee has been notified of the new appointment.

Commissioner Daniel Robillard asked about adding a commission member to the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Commissioner Daniel Robillard made a motion to allow Chairman Dennis Polselli to write to the Mayor to have a Commission of Disability member be added to the Emergency Committee.

Second: Anne O'Neil-Souza

- c. In March we will review and renew the Police Detail Program
- d. Donation of funds to The Southeast Center for Independent Living in Fall River.

Commissioner Daniel Robillard made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 to The Southeast Center for Independent Living.

Motion: Commissioner Daniel Robillard

Second: Commissioner Lisa Silva

Daniel Robillard asked to amend the last motion for the funds to be only for a Fall River resident with a disability or a family member with a disability.

Second to amendment: Ann O'Neil Souza

9. Adjournment at 2:31pm

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Daniel Robillard

Second: Commissioner Lisa Silva

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions:

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Agenda

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