



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes – February 14th, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

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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, Robert Brown, Asmaa Al Fouda, Ellie Vargas, Absent: Sofia Marmouda (Student Liaison)

Closed Captioning is provided for our Zoom Meetings.

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2023 Made by Pauline Perno Second by Mario Grimanis

Item #2: Paul Fahey City of Revere Election Commissioner Guest Speaker- Provided us update.

- **Reviewed Voters Act- Which was signed by Governor last year States Online Portal must be available which is used for voters abroad Military/Civilian. Also know if a voter cannot vote in person or mail in Ballot that is disabled meaning person cannot independently mark the ballot this method is now available.**
- **He also mentioned that they are always looking for Poll Workers/ Seasonal help. These workers will be representatives of Revere Residents. They do not need to reside in Revere. There will be a summer training relative to the polling process along with information coming soon on how to apply for these paid temporary positions.**
- **Election Commission can qualify people to be able to vote electronically re: people with a disability by evaluating self-reported information which will then have them complete the application to be able to vote electronically.**
- **During these conversation Disability Commission Member Jason Barrone discussed the use of Automark equipment. Not all Poll workers know how to use or navigate the equipment at the polling sites. Need to have the equipment up and ready to use so people are encouraged to be independent in utilizing what is available.**
 - **Important to make sure setups are powered up and tested prior to being used.**
 - **Challenges come from personal, looking for better representation/more sensitivity, better training , better accessibility.**

Item #3: Updates/Next Steps from January Meeting

- **Any Updates from Pauline regarding Calendar for monthly future guest speakers. Pauline has contacted a few outside agencies that could come to discuss issues and assistance for people with disabilities.**

- **Any Follow up/ Update information regarding Therapy Dog agencies from Pauline or Robert. They are both is still waiting for call backs from a few agencies.**

Item #4: SEPAC February/March Events

- **Sepac Had a Monthly Meeting on Thursday February 9th and Robert Brown will give an update.**
- **SEPAC will be having a meeting on Wednesday February 15th to discuss topics such as the April Autism walk. He will provide more meeting details such as time and place. SEPAC will be having a March Meeting for SEPAC Officers and will be discussing details for this further.**
- **He also discussed peting zoos.**

Item #5: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance)-Monthly Zoom meeting February 1, 2023

- **Discussion regarding the North East Metro Vocational School- David Hoff Chair of Melrose Commission on Disabilities.**
- **Discussion by City/Town Commission on Disabilities regarding raising HP ticket violation fees and how to go about it. We as the Revere COD discussed how to start the process here in Revere.**

Item #6: Commission Members Late Items

- **Asmaa discussed that she has been working on ASL interpreters for not only our Monthly meeting but also other city public meetings. She also mentioned that we need to strengthen our relationships with nonprofits.**

Item #7: Residents' concerns/issues. None

Item #8: Next Steps:

- **Pauline will work on drafting a letter to the Revere City Council to see about requesting an ordinance change for the HP Parking/ Illegal use of HP placards fee from its present \$100 fine. Also we want to see about changing the process in having the HP fines collect go to the COD for Disability programs/Issues.**

Item #9: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities Office works 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.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Jason Barrone Second by Mario Grimanis

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday March 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM