



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes – May 14, 2024 @ 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, Mario Grimanis, Ellie Vargas, Annmarie Fiore, **Absent** Jason Barone,

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from April 9th, 2024. Motion Made by Pauline Perno and Seconded by Ellie Vargas

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from April 9, 2024 Meeting

- **Updates from Pauline regarding calendar for future monthly guest speakers.- Member Perno mentioned that she still has not heard back from numerous people, agencies and companies that she has contacted. She is going to change and expand who and the ways she reaches out to different people. Also, member Annmarie Forte mentioned that she may have an agency willing to come speak and it was suggested that August might be a good meeting if that works for them since we do not meet in July. It was mentioned that Adrienne Maguire from the Revere Department of Public Health might be available to attend a meeting to speak about community outreach in order to create a list of residents with disabilities or special needs. This would be extremely helpful in cases of emergency , bad weather or natural disasters. There are communities that have this and we as a Commission looked to do this a few years ago.**
- **Any Grant Update regarding Save the Harbor/Save The Bay - Better Beaches Program.**
- **Was mentioned that a tentative date for our” All Abilities Day out at Revere Beach” will be Saturday August 17th. We are waiting for DCR to finalize a permit and once that happens more information will be provided.**

Item #3: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance)-Monthly Zoom Meeting on Wednesday May 1, 2024.

- **COD Commission Member discussed The New DOJ Web Accessibility WCAG 2.2AA guidelines for cities, towns, and other municipalities, will take effect on June 24**
- **COD Commission had discussion on Monitoring and Assessing Dog Parks for people with disabilities that are dog owners. Some examples would be the proper pathways leading to the dog park, surfaces and gates handles meet ADA requirements.**
- **Some COD Commission members mentioned that they are looking into applying for this year’s MOD Grant. This application cycle will run until June 14th.**

Item #4: SEPAC May/June Events: (Provided by Julie Brown- President of SEPAC)

- **SEPAC Recently had a Free Virtual Workshop on Wednesday May 8th for Parents and Professionals Events Via Zoom hosted by [The Federation for Children with Special Needs](#)**
- **SEPAC-- Next Meeting is Thursday, May 30th, SEPAC will meet in person with a Zoom link option, agenda will come out at the beginning of May. This will be the last in-person event of the year.**
- **We are looking for any and all interested parties to join us! Either as Board Members or volunteers or overall support. Anyone interested in getting more involved in SEPAC Revere can send us an email at sepacrevere@gmail.com or call Julie Brown at 617-817-2653**

Item #5: Commission Members Late Items/Information: None

Item #6: Residents' concerns/issues

Resident contacted with issues with overpass walkways being impassable at the end of Ocean Ave going into Beachmont.

Item #7: Next Steps:

- **Updates regarding All Abilities Day out at Revere Beach**
- **Updates regarding calendar for future monthly guest speakers**

Item #8: 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 or if you want to speak to our department directly or schedule an appointment, please ask to be transferred to the Disability office. If we are unavailable, please leave a detailed message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

As always, please tell us if you want something discussed or 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 all the disabled residents and families of Revere.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion Made by Mario Grimanis and Seconded by Pauline Perno

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday June 11th, 2024 at 6:00 PM