COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2023 @ 7pm Virtual Meeting – Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Due to COVID-19 and the updates to the Open Meeting Law, this meeting was held virtually, and members were present via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY: MS - Megan Sommer (Chairperson), AB - Athena Brodsky (Treasurer), JS – Joshua Sigsworth (Secretary), JD - Jeffrey Dougan, CA - Clara Adams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: LF – Linda Fulton (Vice-Chairperson), DF - Dan Fogarty, ED - Eric Donovan (member)

1. Call to Order
   1. 7:02 MS called meeting to order
2. Public Comment
   1. N/A
3. Acceptance of Past Minutes
   1. Tabled
4. Accessibility Awareness Event (AAE)
   1. AB - Planning AAE in September
   2. MS - Revisit AAE in the summer
5. HP Fines
   1. AB - Present to traffic rules and regulations committee agenda to increase fines.
      1. Hearings are typically the first Tuesday of every month at Town Hall at 4:30pm.
         1. This month is 5/16/23
         2. June meeting is 6/6/23
      2. Motions to get on the agenda of the traffic rules and regulations committee to increase handicap parking fines
         1. JD - seconds
         2. Motion carries unanimously
      3. Handicap Parking Fines Research
         1. [https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter](https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter40/Section22a) [40/Section22a](https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter40/Section22a)
         2. <https://www.drive-safely.net/massachusetts-parking-laws/>
         3. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1087724X13514380>
         4. [https://www.investopedia.com/financial-edge/1112/u.s.-cities-with-t](https://www.investopedia.com/financial-edge/1112/u.s.-cities-with-the-largest-parking-fines.aspx) [he-largest-parking-fines.aspx](https://www.investopedia.com/financial-edge/1112/u.s.-cities-with-the-largest-parking-fines.aspx)
6. Handicap Parking Spending
   1. MS - Looking into someone for teaching sign language
   2. AB, JD - Researching sign language teaching as well
      1. Deaf Inc. would like to come to AAE again
7. Architectural Reviews
   1. JD - Will continue to review
8. Treasurer’s Report
   1. AB -
      1. Handicap Parking Fines - $6,525.17
      2. General Fund - $4,733.51
   2. JD - motions to accept treasurer’s report
      1. AB - seconds
      2. Motion carriers unanimously
9. Matters Not Reasonable Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance
   1. AB - Handicap spot in front of CVS is not easily accessed from the passengers side of the car.
   2. MS - Motions to authorize 3 beach wheelchairs
      1. AB - seconds
      2. Motion carries unanimously
   3. JD - Motions to authorize $6,000 for the recreation department to use towards increasing accessibility to their programs and equipment
      1. AB - seconds
      2. Motion carriers unanimously

JD motions to adjourn at 8:05 pm AB seconds

Motion carries unanimously

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Joshua Sigsworth, PT, DPT