

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
 - a. 7:02 MS called meeting to order
2. Public Comment
 - a. N/A
3. Acceptance of Past Minutes
 - a. Tabled
4. Accessibility Awareness Event (AAE)
 - a. AB - Planning AAE in September
 - b. MS - Revisit AAE in the summer
5. HP Fines
 - a. AB - Present to traffic rules and regulations committee agenda to increase fines.
 - i. 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
 - ii. 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
 - iii. Handicap Parking Fines Research
 1. <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-the-largest-parking-fines.aspx>
6. Handicap Parking Spending
 - a. MS - Looking into someone for teaching sign language
 - b. AB, JD - Researching sign language teaching as well
 - i. Deaf Inc. would like to come to AAE again

7. Architectural Reviews
 - a. JD - Will continue to review
8. Treasurer's Report
 - a. AB -
 - i. Handicap Parking Fines - \$6,525.17
 - ii. General Fund - \$4,733.51
 - b. JD - motions to accept treasurer's report
 - i. AB - seconds
 - ii. Motion carriers unanimously
9. Matters Not Reasonable Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance
 - a. AB - Handicap spot in front of CVS is not easily accessed from the passengers side of the car.
 - b. MS - Motions to authorize 3 beach wheelchairs
 - i. AB - seconds
 - ii. Motion carries unanimously
 - c. JD - Motions to authorize \$6,000 for the recreation department to use towards increasing accessibility to their programs and equipment
 - i. AB - seconds
 - ii. 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