

Commission on Disability  
Meeting Minutes, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719  
Zoom Meeting Code: 841-0127-4695 Passcode: 828067  
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Present: Pamela Whynot (Chair), Krystal Lunn (Secretary), Eleanor Chew, Cara Viveiros, Randall Durrigan, Keith Silvia, Select Board Liaison, Martha Reed, Staff Liaison

ZOOM: Ronnie Medina (Vice-Chair),

Guest: Fairhaven Cable TV, Christopher Mittell, Regional Director of MCB

Absent: Donna Maino Lavallee, Annemarie Chagnon, Jennifer Cardoza

All votes were taken by roll call vote.

**AGENDA:**

**I. Call Meeting To Order:** Pamela Whynot, Chair, read the meeting call to order and the state guidelines and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Randy made a motion to accept the November minutes with one correction, and Eleanor seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**III. Financial Report:** Pamela reported that the Commission has approximately \$965.02 left in its budget and \$90 in its gift fund.

**IV. New Business:**

**a. MA Commission for the Blind Presentation:** Christopher Mittell, the Regional Director for Southeastern MA, came and did a presentation of the accommodations they have at the MCB. He discussed what the qualifications are to be considered legally blind and to be able to receive accommodations from the MCB. The last thing he discussed was the White Cane and how October is White Cane Safety Month.

**b. Fairhaven Rec Center:** Adaptive Programming: Kelley Ramirez, the Recreation Director, asked to be added to the agenda. She asked the Commission on Disability members for any recommendations to make the current programs more inclusive. She said she is always willing to add more programs but would love to make her current programs more inclusive. Pamela suggested the Commission make a subcommittee and that subcommittee can meet with Kelley. Eleanor asked that Kelley come back once she has met with the subcommittee and explain the current programs they have with the Commission. Randy made a motion and Cara seconded the motion to have Krystal and Eleanor meet with Kelley. It passed unanimously.

**c. 2024 Annual Report:** Pamela asked the Commission members to look over the report and email any changes that need to be made. The Commission can approve the

final copy of the report at the next meeting. The report has to be emailed to the Interim Town Administrator by 1/10/25.

**V. Old Business:**

a. **Neighborhood News Article:** Eleanor said she would work on an article for next month.

b. **Accessibility Study:** Martha said that Human Centered Design are about 90% done with all of the reports. They should be completed by February, and hopefully The Select Board will be able to hold the open meeting in March. Pamela asked that once the members of the Commission looked over all the reports that she emailed that members message Martha if anything needs to be changed.

d. **Accessible Parking Spots:** No update

e. **Social Media:** The Commission currently has 304 followers on Facebook and Instagram.

f. **2024-2025 Focus Projects:** No update

g. **Decorating Holiday Tree at Town Hall:** Pamela discussed how she decorated the Commission on Disability Holiday Tree outside the Town Hall with Krystal's family and Cara's family.

h. **By-Laws:** Eleanor announced the Commission on Disability's By-Laws were approved at the Town Meeting last month. They are now being sent to the State for their approval.

**VII. Public Comment:** No public comment

**VIII. Questions/Comments from COD:** No comments from the Commission on Disability members.

**IX. Next Meeting Date** - Thursday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Randy made the motion, Cara seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**X. Adjournment:** 7:15 pm

**Sincerely,**  
Krystal Lunn  
Secretary on the Commission on Disability