

Commission on Disability  
Meeting Minutes, February 13th, 2025

Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719

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**Present:** Pamela Whynot (Chair), Krystal Lunn (Secretary), Eleanor Chew, Cara Viveiros, Jennifer Cardoza, Donna Maino Lavallee

**ZOOM:** Annemarie Chagnon

**Guest:** Fairhaven Cable TV

**Absent:** Ronnie Medina (Vice-Chair), Randall Durrigan, Martha Reed, Staff Liaison, Keith Silvia, Select Board Liaison

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:** Donna made a motion to accept the January minutes 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. **Mike Jenney - Veteran's Service Officer:** Added to the agenda for the wrong month by mistake. He was attending the March meeting.

a. **John Medeiros - SRTA Bus Stop & Crosswalk Placement:** Mr. Medeiros came to the Commission hoping for support to have the bus stops adjusted so they lined up with the curb cutouts. He has been working with SRTA Bus Company and the Highway Department. Pam brought up educating everyone to shovel the snow from the curb cutouts so someone with a wheelchair can use it to get on the bus. Krystal made a motion to send a letter to Fairhaven Housing and Peabody to educate them about snow removal. Jen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Krystal made a motion to write a letter in support of fixing the bus stops so they line up with the curb cutout to SRTA and the Highway department. Jen seconded the motion and it passed 6 yes 1 no. Krystal nominated Annemarie to contact the Highway department and the police department about the snow removal. Cara seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

a. **Summer Outreach Opportunities:** Eleanor brought up that the Commission was invited to participate in the Huttleston Harbor Fest and the North Fairhaven Open Air

Market. Eleanor is going to look into the dates and times for both, and the Commission will vote next month. Krystal made the motion for Eleanor to look into them and Donna seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Krystal made a motion to have Eleanor reach out to Jess from the Belonging Committee. Annemarie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- a. **BPW ADA Projects: Sidewalks, Parks & Equipment:** Pamela let the Commission know the DPW is assessing the sidewalks and parks for assessability.
- a. **Bike Path & Rail Trail Improvements:** DPW and the Highway Department are looking for letters in support to get the funds to update and make more assessable. Eleanor made a motion, Krystal seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- a. **Collaboration with Parent Advisory Committee:** Krystal made a motion for her and Pamela to speak at a meeting. Annemarie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### **V. Old Business:**

- a. **Neighborhood News Article:** Krystal made a motion for Eleanor to write an article and send it to Pamela and Martha before sending it in. Cara seconded it, and it passed unanimously.
- b. **Accessibility Study:** Final reports should be completed soon.
- c. **Social Media:** Annemarie is asking everyone, if they are comfortable, to send a little blurb and picture to Annemarie.
- d. **2024-2025 Focus Projects:** No update
- e. **Fairhaven Rec Center - Adaptive Programming:** Krystal and Eleanor met with Kelly. They decided to send out a survey to see what special needs parents are looking for with sports programs. The main consensus was they would like to see unified programs. They met with Kelly once there was enough responses. The Rec Center will be running a soccer, basketball, and track with Special Olympics. Krystal made a motion to sponsor the 5 families who said funding was a problem when answering the survey. Eleanor asked that we check with the Treasurer for the town first. Cara seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- f. **2024 Annual Report:** Waiting for the final report

#### **VII. Public Comment:** No Comment

#### **VIII. Questions/Comments from COD:** No Comment

**IX. Next Meeting Date -?? Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall?:** Cara made the motion Jen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

#### **X. Adjournment:** 7:20pm

Sincerely,  
Krystal Lunn  
Commission of Disability Secretary