

**Fairhaven Commission on Disability
Meeting Minutes June 12, 2025
Held at Town Hall, 40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA 02719**

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Present: Krystal Lunn Secretary, Eleanor Chew, Donna Maino Lavallee, Annemarie Chagnon, Jennifer Cardoza, and Cara Viveiros;

Absent: Member, Randy Durnigan, Martha Reed, Staff Liaison and Keith Silvia, Select Board Liaison.

Guests: Fairhaven Cable TV

I. Call to Order

Krystal Lunn, Secretary read the state open meeting guidelines governing remote participation and then led the meeting.

II. Board Reorganization

Krystal nominated herself as Chair with Donna seconding it. Eleanor nominated herself but it failed as there was no second. It passed unanimously. Krystal nominated Annemarie as Vice-Chair with Donna seconding it. It passed unanimously. Annemarie nominated Eleanor as Secretary with Donna seconding it. It passed unanimously. All three votes were done by roll call vote.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting was made by Jen and seconded by Donna. The motion passed unanimously.

IV Treasurer's Report

Jen shared that we had expended the money for 2025. Discussion about purchases was begun with Eleanor reminding people that we had no money until July 1, 2025 when the new fiscal year began.

V. New Business

1. Accessible Adult Bike: Eleanor made a motion with Annemarie seconding it that Annemarie research information to help determine the cost of a bike. It passed unanimously.

2. Sign Language Classes: Krystal said the FPS had done one with a teacher. Discussion ensued as to why it should be someone certified in ASL. Shannon Alves and Megan Silvia were mentioned as possible contacts. Eleanor moved and Annemarie seconded the motion that Krystal and Donna look into sign language classes for adults and children. It passed unanimously.

3. Disability Pride Event Proclamation: Eleanor moved and Annemarie seconded it that we send the proclamation declaring July Disability Awareness Month in Fairhaven to the Select Board. It passed unanimously.

4. Massachusetts Equipment Distribution: This was tabled until next month as Martha requested this item and she was not present.

5. Oxygen In An Emergency: Donna shared that a person on oxygen that has a power outage is transferred to a hospital emergency room if electricity can not be quickly restored. Donna raised the questions as to how and if we can help people stay in their homes in this situation. Eleanor moved and Annemarie seconded it that Krystal reach out to the Board Of Health and the Fire Chief too get information about the process.. It passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

1. Neighborhood News: no article presented

2. Social Media: Annemarie said we are doing well and we are posting information more quickly.

3. Recreation Center: Krystal and Eleanor shared the discussion and status of the meeting with the Rec. Ctr. Director and Program Director regarding the Special Olympics events.

4. Disability Pride Event: Krystal and Eleanor shared the details of the event on July 18th at the Town Beach

5. All Abilities Event and Vendor's Fair:: Krystal shared that we would be working with the Belonging Committee on this event at a date to be scheduled in the fall.

6. Open Space and Recreation Committee: Jen is now the COD representative as Ronnie has resigned from the commission.

7. ADA Transition Plan: Krystal shared that Martha led the Public Hearing and would share more next month.

VII. Public Comment No public comment received

VIII. Questions/Comments From Board Members No further comments or questions

IX. Next Meeting Date Jen moved and Annemarie seconded it that we meet July 10th at 6:00 p.m. It passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment We adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Chew
Secretary