

Fairhaven Commission on Disability
Meeting Minutes July 9, 2026
Held at Town Hall, 40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA 02719

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Present: Krystal Lunn (Chair), Pamela Roy, Annemarie Chagnon, Kerri Cummins, Cara Viveros, Noah Brine, Donna Maino Lavallo, Natalie Mello (Select Board Liaison) and Martha Reed (Staff Liaison). Eleanor Chew arrived at 6:20 p.m.

ZOOM: Noone was on ZOOM

Absent: Randy Durnigan

Guests: None

I. Call to Order:

Krystal Lunn, chair, opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting was made by Pam and seconded by Kerri. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report:

Martha said we spent all but \$4.00 of our budget from last year and the flags were a hit at the parade.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Procedure To Stop Business: A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Noah that we table this until later in the meeting. It passed unanimously

b. Cannon Accessibility: Krystal said she loved being a part of the parade, making a comment about how Annemarie was treated when she was asked to move even though she was walking with a cane. Krystal felt we should have been further up in the parade as they spent time trying to catch up to the others. A comment was made that if you can't keep up, move to the side. Krystal said she sent an email with her thoughts. Annemarie said when she got out of the van the COD was far away and someone told her to move, even when the situation was explained. Martha said she wanted to have a conversation with Keith Hickey and Martha asked us not to discuss this anymore. Annemarie wants to find a way to participate in ways that are fair and Krystal felt the COD was singled out. Annemarie would like to see the parade and cannons made more accessible. Krystal said the mats should have been brought as it is rocky and there was a truck in the way. Martha said we need to get more background information and that this is done with private people, it was not a town event. Martha said it was best to bring concerns to those doing the event is the best way to make it accessible.

c. Gifts/Donations: Martha said if anyone is working on items to let her know so she can address it.

V. Old Business

a Neighborhood News: on hold

b Adult Bike: no new news

c. Open Space/ Recreation Committee: Annemarie said they met July 8th but she was not available.

d. Second Annual Beach Day: Eleanor offered to reach out to Gnome Surf.

e. NFIA Summer Events: Table until next summer's event planning

f. Harbor Fest: We need to remove this.

Eleanor joined the meeting here.

g. Disability Pride Event/Summit: Krystal said she, Kerri and Eleanor had only heard back with a yes from one person they invited. We were doing this in place of the Beach Day, but the Beach Day was happening. Should we revisit the month for next year and not do it in July? We also did the parade. A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Kerri that we cancel Disability Pride Day due to the lack of response from people. It passed unanimously.

h. Substance Use Disorder as a Disability Rights Issue Under ADA: Noah said he had looked into the actual laws and it covers those in active recovery asking if we should form a subcommittee. He said we need to look into modern data, and the BOH is looking into Kratom. Annemarie asked what was active recovery? Noah said it was starting rehab or in rehab. Annemarie asked if it lasted forever with Noah saying he understood it to be once out of recovery the protection stops. A motion was made by Annemarie and seconded by Kerri that we form a working group with Noah, Annemarie and Kerri to look into this. It passed unanimously. We need to look into mental health issues as part of this. Natalie said PTSD is now recognized by the VA as a full disability.

i. Family Movie Night: It was decided by consensus that we do a screening of the movies Finding Nemo and Mary and Max on Sunday, August 9th at the COA. Annemarie said we need to be sure it has closed captioning.

j. Disability Pride Proclamation to the Select Board: Krystal said she went to the SB meeting the week before and they approved the proclamation.

k. Publicizing Bike and Beach Chairs: Pam said she shared the photo of herself in the chair for our FB page. Annemarie said she was working on getting a photo of the bike and Eleanor reminded us we needed to get a photo of the child's beach chair. Pam questioned whether it was a child's chair as it is the same size with Donna saying kids went into it and it is adjustable. Eleanor responded that the when the Rec. Center got the chair they publicized it as a child's chair. Martha offered to check with the Rec. Center

We then went back to New Business # a: Procedure to stop a discussion: Krystal explained the procedure to stop discussion saying a motion has to be made, seconded then there would be a vote and if the vote passes the discussion stops. A motion with no second or a vote that does not pass the discussion continues. Annemarie asked if that sort of like when you vote on anything else. Krystal said yes.

VI Public Comment: No public comment.

VII. Questions/Comments From Board Members: Annemarie thanked Martha for how hard she works. Krystal said re-appointments were pushed back to September.

VIII Next Meeting Date: A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Annemarie that we meet on August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. It passed unanimously.

IX. Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Chew
Secretary