

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**  
**Weymouth, MA**  
**Remote Meeting via Webex**  
**Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6pm**  
**Minutes**

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**PRESENT:** Hank Goldman, Chairperson  
Richard Johnson  
Ron Evans  
Mary Hagearty  
Jonathan Blaisdell (connected at 6:25pm)  
LaurieAnn Yeisley-Drogin  
John MacLeod, Appointed Town Official

**NOT PRESENT:** Caroline LaCroix

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sue McDonough, ADA Coordinator  
Patricia Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary

**State of Emergency Message and meeting information:**

*Due to Governor Baker's Emergency Declaration to support the state's response to COVID-19, and per Mayor Hedlund's Emergency Declaration for the Town of Weymouth, the Commission on Disabilities will meet remotely.*

Topic: Commission on Disabilities (COD)  
Time: June 16, 2021 6:00PM

The online link and dial-in instructions were provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

As there was no quorum as of 6:08pm, people talked about end-of-year updates:

- Ms. McDonough announced that Frank Burke has resigned from the COD. As of 6/30/21 there are two open positions on the Commission.
- Regarding the Open Meeting Law, a bill passed June 16<sup>th</sup> which allows remote meetings through April, 2022, provided the Chairman is at the meeting location.

Ms. Yeisley-Drogin asked about the fairness of taking away on-line meetings from those with disabilities.

Ms. McDonough said time will be needed to work on making it legal. She also said she will look further into closed captioning.

*Jonathan Blaisdell joined the meeting at 6:25.*

The need for a co-chair (to comply with the new on-line meeting requirement of the chair being in session for remote meetings) was discussed.

Mr. McLeod said protocol, or a list of positions, for the Commission must be available in a controlling document. He said this item should be added to the September agenda.

Mr. Blaisdell asked about the on-line Resource Guide.

Ms. McDonough said it can be put on the COD page; it is a good start, but she would like to

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add more and asked for any additional information to be sent to her.

### **Standing Items:**

#### Approval of Minutes:

*Motion made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Yeisley-Drogin, to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes as written.*

*6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote*

#### SEPAC Report:

Chairman Goldman said it has been a good, but tough, year. Attendance has been very good, 25-40 per meeting.

### **Old Business: none**

### **New Business:**

#### 1. Future Meeting Plans:

It was agreed to continue meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:00pm.

Chairman Goldman asked if people wanted to continue meeting live versus remotely. It was decided to continue meeting remotely and to meet in person if that is an option.

#### 2. Meeting Programs/Topic suggestions:

-Massachusetts Office on Disability: Mr. Blaisdell asked what the focus of any training should be (so to be of benefit to the Commission). He suggested having MOD come to a meeting; Chairman Goldman agreed.

Mr. Johnson asked if a video was available and suggested creating packets of information for members and the public.

Ms. Yeisley-Drogin asked for more information.

Ms. McDonough said she would send the members a list of their responsibilities.

-Handicapped Parking: Ms. McDonough said any parking *not* on Weymouth property must be referred to the state (it is not under town jurisdiction).

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Chairman Goldman said the police could be given the authority to ticket vehicles in business parking lots.

Mr. Johnson suggested they find out how other towns handle this issue.

**Announcements:**

Next SEPAC meeting: to be determined

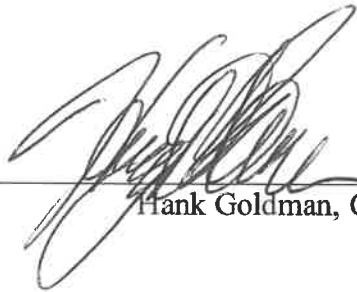
Next COD meeting: Sept. 8, 2021

**Adjournment:**

*Motion made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Hagearty, to adjourn at 7:20p.m.  
6-0-0 Unanimous rollcall vote*

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Fitzgerald



Hank Goldman, Chairman

9/20/22  
Date