

Minutes of
Commission on Disabilities Meeting
March 20, 2025

Virtual Format
Via Zoom

Disclosure: These minutes are not verbatim - they are the secretary's interpretation of what took place at the meeting. - **Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 22.** • These minutes are a record as accepted by the Commission on Disabilities.

Present 5 Members of the committee were present:
Paul McGee, Chairman
Tzynya Pinchback
Lissa Conn
Heidi MacCurtain

Town Liaison
Emily Wilson, Assistant Commissioner of Health and Human Services

Commissioner Toni Wolfe from MassAbility

Absent 1 absent member(s) of the committee.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul McGee at 5:04 PM.

AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes Approval of minutes from February 20, 2025.

Correspondence Chairman Paul McGee reported no COD mail at Town Hall or home.

Town Liaison Following up about the mobility mat at White Horse Beach and Plymouth Long Beach to put devices in place to avoid issues with drivers ruining the mat. Emily will be going on site visits with the Recreation Department to globally look at the spaces then share feedback and guidelines. The COD is encouraged if they notice lagging in anything to share it so it may be addressed.

More people are interested in grant funding, but it was delayed while they explore other grant funding opportunities to reserve the request to the Commission. New Library quotes to be forthcoming.

Accessibility Tiffany Parks would like an endorsement from the COD. Emily will be sharing the letter of request to show the support for the Downtown

Resiliency Project. Tiffany is reapplying for funds from the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program. The design phase was previously approved, now she is looking to secure funding for the construction phase. The PCOD agreed to provide a letter of support for the Town of Plymouth MVP grant request.

A committee subgroup of Paul and Lissa shared an update on Municipal sponsored events. Currently they are trying to talk to the right people in the Town. The Committee for the July 4th parade is underway. Paul and Lissa met with MA State Representative Michelle Badger in Cordage Park. They left her with a list of events to focus on including the 4th of July and Thanksgiving Day parades. She will get in touch with Olly DeMacedo for the Thanksgiving parade and Matt and Ken Tavares for the 4th of July parade. Next steps for the subcommittee are to meet with the parade leaders. This is the last year for Matt and Ken to do the 4th of July parade, it is a great time to transition into the process.

There is still interest in working with specific restaurants that do not have accessible parking. A list will be compiled and shared with Emily and Inspectional Services. The list will look at specific concerns and outline issues including railings, electronic door openings, etc.

Scholarships

Paul heard from most of the schools. Reconfirmed with both Plymouth High Schools. He may need to reach out the MAP academy because they have not responded. Paul and Emily worked out a good system for the process last year.

Letter of Support

N/A.

Old Business

Noted above – opening dialogue to improve accessible parking for Town sponsored events and restaurants without accessible parking.

Public Comment

None.

Grant Requests

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

April 17, 2025, at 5 PM – Virtual; May 15th, 2025 schedule conflict

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.