

**Commission on Disability**  
**Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2021 6:30 pm**

Topic: Commission on Disability

Time: June, 30 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Richard Flach called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm., those present were Mr. Flach, Ms. Bachetti, Mr. Hollenbeck, and Ms. Flynn. Mr. Cobb joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.
2. Mr. Flach called for a vote to approve the minutes for the May 19th, 2021 meeting. Mr. Hollenbeck suggested the vote be tabled due to the minutes not being available at the meeting. Mr. Flach postponed the vote until the next meeting.
3. Mr. Flach gave a report on his meeting with the Town of Great Barrington Building Inspector, Edwin May, and The Town of Great Barrington Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent, Sean VanDeusen. This included a review of the COD bi-laws, MGL Cpt 40 Sec 8J, and goals. Also discussed was the role of the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) and how to properly file a complaint with them concerning ADA and AAB compliance issues.
4. New items discussed; reaching out to both the DPW and Building Dept. for open issues their respective offices are dealing with which may come before the COD, as they relate to issues effecting the disabled. Specifically, work done on the sidewalks in Housatonic. And the need to better understand the role of the COD on matters before the town which concern the disabled I/A/W the accepted bi-laws and goals. Ms. Flynn brought up the subject of terminology and verbiage which should be used when addressing, and righting or talking about, people with disability. Ms. Flynn will conduct research on the subject and present her findings at the next meeting of the COD. Ms. Bachetti has begun identifying emergency preparedness training addressing aid to the disabled. She will be setting up training opportunities for anyone interested in this training.
9. The next meeting of the COD was agreed to and scheduled for July 28th, 2021 at 6:30pm
10. Eileen Mooney was present for Citizen Speak Time.
11. The meeting was adjourned

/s/ Richard Flach, Chairperson

