

**Commission on Disability**  
**Meeting Minutes – November 3rd, 2021 6:30 pm**

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Topic: Commission on Disability

Time: Nov 3, 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 6:34 pm., those present were Mr. Flach, Ms. Bachetti, Ms. Flynn, and Mr. Cobb.
2. Mr. Flach tabled a vote on the previous meetings minutes.
3. Ms. Bachetti continued with her work on Emergency Preparedness. The intent is to see if the Chief of the Great Barrington Police Department, Chief Paul Storti, can address the commission at our next meeting to discuss what the department has in place for emergency preparedness which addresses people with disabilities. The commission continues to reach out to other Great Barrington departments and agencies on this issue.
4. After discussion on TheNEWSletter piece published in August in which the title was, “Words to Ban”, suggested it was the commissions intent to “Ban” words which were deemed derogatory to those with disabilities. This was not the intent of the commission when it took up plans to create a training aid to help identify words which were harmful to those with disabilities and suggest better ways to address those with disabilities. Mr. Flach will draft a letter to explain the position of the commission when it comes to language used for clarification.
5. Regarding the issue of public access, particularly in the parking area behind The Barrington House, while under construction. Mr. Flach will contact the Building Department for guidance on what the requirements are for access for the disabled while construction is underway.
6. The next meeting of the COD was scheduled for December 1, 2021 at 6:30pm.
7. Eileen Mooney was present for Citizen Speak Time. Discussed was the “Words to Ban” piece in the August addition of TheNEWSletter she publishes.

8. The meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Richard Flach, Chairperson