



City of New Bedford  
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Linda M. Morad  
City Council President

From: Cynthia Wallquist  
Executive Director

Date: 8/1/16

Re: Minutes

On behalf of the Commission's Secretary, Dennis DeMarinis, I am submitting minutes of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities meetings held on May 16, 2016 and June 22, 2016 that were adopted at meetings held on June 22, 2016 and July 26, 2016, respectively.

*Cynthia J. Wallquist*

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Attachments

Cc: City Clerk  
D. DeMarinis  
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City of New Bedford Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

**Minutes**  
**Commission for Citizens with Disabilities**  
**May 16, 2016**

**Members Present:**

Jaunna Adesso  
Josh Amaral  
Kim Bettencourt  
Martha Bouchard  
Rev. Pam Cole  
Dennis DeMarinis  
Marsha Fernandes  
Brooke Miller  
John Tyson

**Others in Attendance:**

Chris Becker, DC  
Joe Oliver, Dept. of Corrections  
BG Shanklin, Architect  
Cynthia Wallquist, Exec. Director

Kim Bettencourt, Chair, called the meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities to order @ 6:25 PM.

**Minutes**

Martha Bouchard moved to accept the March 1, 2016 minutes; seconded by Josh Amaral. Motion carried.

**New Business**

- Per Julie Boren at the Mass. Commission for the Blind, the audible signals at Union & County and County & Kempton Streets are not working.

**Guest Presentation**

Chris Becker, Regional Planner, Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) Commonwealth of Massachusetts; DCAMM is requesting a variance via MAAB to NOT make the Ash Street jail ADA compliant (see attached) as the cost would exceed \$400,0000.

**Architect's Report**

BG Shanklin reported:

- Anyone interested in serving on the FY17 Executive Committee should contact Cynthia by 5/31.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Marsha Fernandes and seconded by Dennis DeMarinis. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis DeMarinis, Jr.  
Secretary



City of New Bedford Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

**Minutes**  
**Commission for Citizens with Disabilities**  
**June 22, 2016**

**Members Present:**

Jaunna Adesso  
Kim Bettencourt  
Martha Bouchard  
Rev. Pam Cole  
Dennis DeMarinis  
Brooke Miller  
John Tyson

**Others in Attendance**

Eric Cohen, Esq.  
BG Shanklin, Architect  
Cynthia Wallquist, Exec. Dir.

**Absent**

Josh Amaral

**Excused**

Marsha Fernandes

Kim Bettencourt, Chair, called the meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities to order @ 6:30 PM.

**Minutes**

Brooke Miller moved to accept the May 16, 2016 minutes; seconded by Martha Bouchard. Motion carried.

Brooke Miller moved to cast one ballot for the proposed slate of officers for FY17 (effective July 1):

- Chair: Dennis DeMarinis
- Vice Chair: Martha Bouchard
- Clerk: Kim Bettencourt
- Treasurer: John Tyson

**New Business**

- The Commission members selected Wednesday as their preferred meeting days; the tentative FY17 schedule will be:

September 21; October 12 (hold for work group); November 9; December 7;  
January 11; February 8; March 8; April 12; May 10; June 28 (Annual Meeting)

Dennis DeMarinis asked that the Executive Committee meet in July to plan topics/programs for the coming year and set a full Commission meeting for July 26 because the 27<sup>th</sup> did not have available meeting space.

- **BCC (downtown New Bedford campus) handicapped parking spaces**

### **Executive Director's Report**

Cynthia reported that the FY17 budget can only support a portion of the architectural services contract and Clear Path Program. The City and EOEa will cover the balances respectively.

### **Old Business**

- Dennis asked that Mary Rapoza be invited to the July meeting to discuss ADA concerns at both beaches, including porta-johns, access to the water, signage and parking.

### **Announcements**

- Pam Cole invited everyone to the raising of the Cameroonian flag @ 3PM on July 15 at City Hall.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by John Tyson and seconded by Martha Bouchard. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis DeMarinis, Jr.  
Secretary