



**Disability Commission
37 Shattuck Street
June 27, 2025
11:00AM
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was opened at 11:10am by the chair.

Those in attendance: George Sanders, Vice Chair, Erich Manser, Diane Crory, Chair

Absent: Bill Porter, Gary Wilson

Diane stated that Bill Porter was appointed officially as a Member by the Select Board on Monday, June 23, 2025 and will come in next week to be sworn in. Bill stated that he was looking forward to becoming a member of the board. Diane said that she believes he will be a great asset to the board and will add a lot.

Diane stated that the Grant has been officially submitted to the State before the deadline and we are awaiting notification. In speaking with the State, they did need to upload a couple of forms that were not able to be added without their assistance, and they did confirm that it was completed and that they had received everything. Erich asked if we were concerned with monies being pulled. Diane said no and George stated not this is State monies not Federal. Jeff D. from Mass. Disabilities said that there is plenty of money it is just a matter of Cities/Towns applying.

Town Van Usage - Update Erich He stated that he might like to table this for right now. Erich said though they are no more pleasant, but they are not rude. He stated that MART Connect is much better, their customer service is great they are very kind and pleasant and professional.

Erich said he would rather deal with things that he believes are more important to our constituents in the community. That this is something that he can "live with". George said that he should let COA/EHS know that it is not getting any better. Erich said that unfortunately many in the Disabilities community just accept this treatment as normal and George said they/he shouldn't.

Erich said that he would be interested in knowing what we have in this community for people with disabilities. Diane said that fortunately for the grant she had that information and could share that with the group. She was surprised at the numbers in Littleton for such a small community and Erich said those numbers alone were probably low as many persons do not consider themselves disabled.

In consideration of all of that it was suggested that perhaps we hold a "summit" of some sort or a series of summits and invite persons with disabilities to come and speak as to their needs and wants to help them as this is probably the only way that we can reach them. Make it an hour and a half to two hours whether on a Saturday or weeknight offering different times and days to make it accessible for different groups to make it. Also offer some sort of refreshments to entice persons to attend.

The Minutes from our last meeting in March were Approved – Roll Call vote – George Sanders – Yes, Erich Manser – Yes, Diane Crory – Yes. Unanimously voted 3-0.

Erich asked if we could take a July Hiatus and come back in August. Everyone felt that was reasonable; except George felt that he would need to meet later in the month. Erich also said even if it was only an “informal” meeting to welcome Bill to the group if we don’t have anything pressing. All agreed

Next Meeting: August 22nd at Noon

Motion to Adjourn so moved by George, seconded by Erich. Roll Call: George, Yes; Erich, Yes; Diane, Yes. Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

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