



Description of graphic: RI State Seal an anchor in gold behind a blue wheelchair logo. Just below is a blue banner with the state motto "Hope". All are in the center of a ring of 8 blue stars, in groups of 2 separated by the logos for Braille, hearing aids, low vision and amplified phone.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities Accessibility Committee *Meeting Minutes*

August 22nd, 2011 2:00-3:30 PM

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 Attendees:	Ronald McMinn (Vice Chair), Joseph A. Cirillo, Arthur Plitt, Paul De Pace, Nicholas J. Capobianco Jr,
Absent:	Kate McCarthy-Barnett(Chair), John Desautel, Monsignor Sabourin, Katie Lowe, Kathleen Samways,
Guests:	
Staff:	Bob Cooper, Harvey Salvas, Chris DeGrave,

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
 <small>Clock graphic</small>	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Ron McMinn, Vice-Chairperson	2:00
Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:10pm Introductions of Commissioners and Guests			
<i>MOTION: (1) To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented/ revised.</i>			
<i>Motion by: Joe Cirillo, Seconded by: Paul DePace</i>			
<i>Vote Passes: Unanimous</i>			

Action Items:			
 <small>telephone complaint graphic</small>	Accessibility Compliance: a. Current Complaints b. RIDOT Access Committee Update	Christopher DeGrave	
Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee			
Discussion: Discuss current compliance complaints as well as discuss recent work of the RIDOT ADA Committee.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Several disability parking complaints in the local area ➤ Had meeting concerning accessibility of the Capitol Hill area w/ Bob Cooper. Met with DOA/ DOT/ State Government officials to resolve and brainstorm solutions- New signage installed at Guard Shack pointing those looking for the accessible entrance to the lower lot. 			

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	<p>Parking is still an issue. Long-term solutions (parking lot, structure) being considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parking, Accessible Routes & Accessible Entrances- #1 Priority ➤ RIDOT will be relocating camera/ monitor for accessible entrance access to the traffic management center (staffed 24-7) ➤ Several complaints received concerning housing and condo modifications. Issues surrounding curb-cut installation and who is funding the modifications. ➤ R. McMinn- Request to contact RIDEM concerning use of fishing platforms at Salty Brine State Beach. Request for installed signage indicating preferential use for those with disabilities. *** Update: RIDEM contacted – Enforcement Division will be making spot checks. Signage idea has been proposed. ➤ <i>RIDOT ADA Committee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See Middletown/ Portsmouth West Main Rd. sidewalk project: new detectable warning surfaces made from cast-iron. Longevity in other areas around the country proven. Looking for feedback from the end-user. ○ Green Lane- Middletown – On list for repair & sidewalk reconstruction thanks to Joe Cirillo’s advocacy. RIGCD staff member working to assist in design & plan review. ○ RIDOT working on federal transition plan- C. DeGrave working with Marc Malkasian of the DOT to ensure state and federal compliance. Latest developments- Personnel accommodation policy, snow removal policy, technical infeasibility determination policy and temporary route policy. 		



MOTION: No motions made.

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**Budget Discussion & Performance
Management Initiative Review**

**Bob Cooper, Harvey
Salvas**

Purpose/Goal: Update members of the Committee

**Discussion: (1) Discussion future budget/ projects
(2) Discuss & review new statewide performance management initiatives**

- Discussion of current funding issues and budget in future.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ State Budget Office has requested funding proposals/ budget requests from each agency at current staffing levels. ➤ B. Cooper and staff are working with a member of the House Fiscal Advisor and a representative from the State Budget Office concerning our budget. ➤ Federal ADA grant could disappear as early as October. Moneys must be re-appropriated by Congress to fund the program for an additional 5 year cycle. ➤ New England ADA Center has submitted a convincing proposal for the grant; we will keep our fingers crossed. ➤ Some operational alterations/ shifts may be needed on access/ technical assistance work due to budget. More to follow. <p><i>Performance Management Initiatives- Workshop</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee worked on the Performance Management Initiatives questionnaire and revised as necessary (see attached copy) to best reflect the workings of our specific committee and its priorities. ➤ Committee must continue to meet all ADA grant requirements <u>BUT</u> must prioritize work and redefine committee mission for largest impact. ➤ As a committee we must review, revise and update priorities and goals to achieve our mission of equal access for voting for all. ➤ Major committee priorities of: emergency planning and preparedness, plan reviews, training, code enforcement and disability awareness. 		
 voting check off graphic	<p>MOTION: To approve the Accessibility Committee Performance Management Initiatives as revised/ edited to be submitted to the Executive Committee for further review.</p> <p>Motion by: Arthur Plitt , Seconded by: Paul De Pace</p> <p>Vote Passes: Unanimous</p>		
 meeting graphic	Open Meetings Act / Open Government Meeting Project Update	Christopher DeGrave	
<p>Purpose/Goal: Update members of the Committee on project status</p> <hr/> <p>Discussion: Review municipal open meeting act project findings & give status update. Discuss government agency open meetings act project and latest updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project is in its final phases. ➤ Data clean-up and final reports/ inspections/ follow-up underway ➤ Hundreds of violations identified and rectified/ repaired. 			
 voting check off graphic	<p>MOTION: <i>No motion made.</i></p>		

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 <small>disability parking sign graphic</small>	Disability Parking: Update *** Enforcement Legislation Update	Christopher DeGrave	
Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee			
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Newest approved legislation no longer requiring police departments to report disability parking data to the Commission. ➤ Less staff hours necessary for recording, more time for training and awareness activities. ➤ Letters to STILL go to police departments each year reminding them of the kick-back reimbursement for disability parking tickets. 			
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	MOTION: <i>No motion made.</i>		
 <small>Announcer graphic</small>	Committee Announcements: <i>Ms. Kate McCarthy-Barnett should be returning home from here extended southern stay shortly. She is busy working with FEMA but is doing VERY well.</i>	Christopher DeGrave	3:20
 <small>calendar graphic</small>	Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting	Ron McMinn	3:25
Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda: None at this time.			
Next meeting will be on: October 25th, 2011 @ 2pm			

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 alarm clock graphic	Adjournment	Ron McMinn	3:30
 voting check off graphic	<p><i>MOTION: To adjourn.</i></p> <p><i>Motion by: Arthur Plitt , Seconded by: Paul De Pace</i></p> <p><i>Vote Passes: Unanimous</i></p>		