

Billerica Commission on Disability

Thursday October 16, 2025

6:00 PM

VIA Zoom

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Meeting ID: 871 8877 3476

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OCTOBER APPROVED MINUTES

(Approved @ November 2025 meeting)

Attendance:

Members:

ART
Maria
Jacqueline
Jason

Absent:

Guests:

Andrew Jennings Left 7:00

Laureen Knowles Left 6:30

START: 6:15

1. Announcements:

- a. LRTA survey is CLOSED as of 9/15

2. Open mic:

Nothing

3. Preliminary Business:

- a. Approval of Minutes – July 2025
Jason, maria – 4Y ON, 0 A
- b. Approval of Minutes – August 2025 (informal meeting)
Maria, Jacqueline, -4Y ON, 0 A
- c. Approval of Minutes – Sept 2025, if any (informal meeting)
No minutes
- d. Treasurer Report – Jason, Maria 4Y ON, 0 A

4. Unfinished Business:

RECEIVED
2025 JAN -9 A 8:45
TOWN CLERK
BILLERICA

- a. Scholarship Foundation Donation Update:
Maria will talk w Scholarship Committee about current status and report back
- b. Need input for upcoming contracts and 5-year plan. – See Item 6b in new business below

5. Continuing Items:

- a. COA bus services for disability as well as elderly – update
Definitely HP eligible regardless of age, Andrew will talk w/ COA to verify that they know this – Service is for ALL of Billerica w/in town.
- b. Needs Assessment request – update No update – ART will reach out to Dina for update...
- c. Kohlrausch park update – no update cont. question about whether all has been reviewed for ADA, - No update
- d. COA and Library Parking
 - i. Per Sgt. M – All done – no need to continue item.
- e. HC Parking for O'Connor's Plaza and Town Center businesses – Discussion and possible vote

Need to reach out to Mark L.

- f. Boston Rd. Construction Update Progress continues, no action needed
- g. North Billerica/Treble Cove ADA Compliance Concerns:
 - i. Missing sidewalk between Precision Tune and the Harley shop
 - ii. St. Anne's – sidewalk
 - iii. Pedestrian safety concerns.
 - iv. New Fire Station
- h. Yankee Doodle Table
 - i. Lauren ordered prize pack from Amazon. Reciept needed for reimbursing her. RECVD, will submit to treasurer to get her reimbursed.
 - ii. Discussion of event, lessons learned?
Kids loved gifts, lots of traffic, got visibility.
ART picked up stuff from PD, put it in our semi-office, no sign of banner.
Contact Daniel or others at town hall, where is our banner and possibly other stuff. If not, order new one?
No game, some did take fliers – possibly update flier w/ more resource info.
- i. Website Update
Resolve email issue,
add info on transportation, pointers to other resources such as NILP

- i. Phone - Now Town Mgr. Office – give script card on how to handle

6. New Business

- a. Laureen Knowles requested to address us.

Questions about services for not elderly, we have need that is not being addressed.

Per Andrew, disability is eligible for COA regardless of age , ¾ mile from fixed

Had hard time contacting via website, etc. Maria reports having problem w/ email – issue with Microsoft, being worked,

Suggestion to add message to website about issue, also mention of FB page?

- b. Andrew Jennings request for input to relay to upcoming LRTA Board Roundtable.

- i. 5 year plan, long range goals, as wide as possible,

- 1. Boston Hospital access,
- 2. expand service beyond ¾ mile radius
- 3. expanded hours of services
- 4. other hospitals – Emerson, Lahey Lexington, etc. MGH Waltham

- ii. COA bus service – hours? 8-3:30, appointment? Needs more info.

- c. Probably should get onto website - Have resource page, pointing them at places like Northeast independent living, etc.

- d. FB page seems to have vanished per -Jason, who will investigate.

- e. Question about keeping LRTA free? Looking at budget? Mark Lombardo...

- i. How well does the current LRTA service work?

- ii. Currently, are there public transportation needs that aren't being addressed?

- iii. What are the goals of your community when it comes to new or expanded public transportation service?

- iv. Other suggestions?

- f. Dina Favreau – Curb Cut inventory and assessment list.

- g. We need to have SB member at meetings,

- h. Question about where cuts are NOT?

- i. Who is prioritizing, current state of?

- j. Article 36 on Warrant, (increase fines for failure to remove snow from sidewalks)
defeated We didn't even know about it...

7. Adjourn – Maria, Jacqueline, Maria -4Y ON, 0 A