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Minutes

September 17, 2014

11:30 a.m.

Barnstable Senior Center
Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 11:37 a.m.

Members present: Pat Andres, Vice Chair; Jean Boyle; Raye Kaddy; Michelle Davies, Recreation; Merrill Blum; Anne Mazzola; and Tammy Cunningham.

Excused: Sheila Mulcahy, Chairperson.

Others present: Paula Breagy and Dick Andres.

Review of minutes of August 20, 2014: Anne Mazzola made a motion to approve, Jean Boyle seconded. Unanimous.

Public Comment: Paula Breagy introduced herself to the Commission. She attended the meeting with an interest in joining the Commission. Ms. Breagy's background is in education.

Office Report – Three messages were retrieved from the BDC voicemail, one of them being from Mr. Avner Fink of Massachusetts Office on Disability. A brief discussion was held on the frequency of visiting the office to retrieve voicemails. Tammy Cunningham was asked to send an email with directions on how to retrieve voicemails remotely.

Finance Report – Tammy Cunningham presented the BDC with a financial report updated September 9, 2014. Michelle Davies was present on behalf of the Recreation Department requesting \$5372 to be used towards the purchasing of a new van for the Recreation Division to transport program participants.

The BDC had a brief discussion on holding a finance sub committee meeting to discuss fund reserves and funding of scholarships. New finance sub committee members are Merrill Blum, Chair; Raye Kaddy; Jean Boyle; and Tammy Cunningham.

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The discussion on the funding of the van for recreation continued. The purpose of the additional funding request towards the purchasing of the van was to add the safety package. Recreation division was provided with \$25,000 in funding to purchase the vehicle. The bids for the van were higher than projected. Merrill Blum made a motion to expend \$5372 to assist recreation/town with purchasing of a safety package for the van purchase, Jean Boyle seconded.

Discussions:

Members of the Disability Commission were invited to attend a reception at the Hyannis Library on September 19th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Loop beach - A discussion on the status of the loop beach ramp project was held. Currently, the group fundraising for the loop beach project had collected a total of \$6300. Mrs. Dooley had asked if they could use the BDC gift account to deposit the funds collected for the project. A brief discussion was held on this matter and it was determined that the Commission should not allow the usage of the gift account. The BDC asked Tammy Cunningham to draft a follow up letter to Mrs. Dooley advising her of the decision.

Police ramp – The BDC held a discussion on the completion of the police ramp project and the lack of timeliness. It was concluded Raye Kaddy would be drafting a letter pertaining to this matter.

Town of Barnstable handicap signage – A brief discussion was held on the handicap parking sign language and if the language on the signs were compliant with the current signage requirements.

MOD involvement with appeal of parking ticket to properly displayed placard user – The BDC asked Tammy Cunningham to contact Ruth Weil, Town Attorney, to discuss the status of this matter.

Special project – It was suggested that additional information on inquiries relating to housing be added to the BDC website.

Playground update – Michelle Davies stated the playground being constructed at Veteran's beach should be completed in December. Half of the playground will be sand with the other using a material for wheelchair accessibility. Nancy White is the consultant for the project.

Ridgeway playground project is currently being constructed.

Michelle Davies provided photographs of different projects the BDC had involvement. The BDC asked that upon arrival of the van a photograph be taken with Commission members.

Membership: Notice to Barbara Ford about soliciting for members for the Commission

Email Sheila Mulcahy for a copy of the email sent by Marc Grenier resigning from the Commission.

Other business: Election of officers to be held during the October meeting.

A discussion was held on accessibility and polling locations. Jean Boyle stated she was going to contact Ann Quirk, Town Clerk, to discuss.

Jean Boyle made a motion to adjourn at 1:15 p.m., Anne Mazzola seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

**The mission of the Barnstable Disability Commission
is to advise and guide the Town of Barnstable and the general public regarding
issues of accessibility in accordance with the American's With Disabilities Act (ADA)**

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