



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission

Minutes

August 19, 2015

Barnstable Senior Center

Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Sheila Mulcahy, Chair; Pat Andres, Vice Chair; Merrill Blum; Paul Logan; Merrill Blum; Anne Mazzola; and Tammy Cunningham.

Excused: Ann Canedy

Others present: Dick Andres; Paula Breagy; Jessica Sylver; John Dudzinski, Cape Cod Conservatory; Clay Schofield, DPW.

John Dudzinski, Cape Cod Conservatory - Presented material to the BDC on the creation of a singing program at the Conservatory. The program would be targeted to individuals with Parkinsons disease. They would like to offer this program commencing in the fall. Merrill Blum recused himself from the discussion due to a potential conflict. Questions were asked surrounding funding, accessibility, and room capacity. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Merrill Blum returned to the meeting after the discussion.

Public Comment – Clay Schofield of DPW presented a rendering of the redesign of the Senior Center parking lot. The redesign will add 55 spaces. A discussion was held on the handicap spaces being located at the center of the parking lot in front of the building. Mr. Schofield to investigate relocating the charging stations to allow for the 2 spaces next to the building being designate as handicap parking. It was a stated the lot should have a minimum of 6 spaces designated as handicap parking. Clearing of vegetation will begin within the next couple of weeks.

A discussion was then held on the redesign of the ramp. Mr. Schofield stated he would look into the matter.

Welcome new Barnstable Disability Commission members - Paula Breagy and Jessica Sylver will need to be sworn in at the Town Clerk's office.

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Minutes of July 15, 2015 – Paul Logan made a motion to approve, Anne Mazzola seconded, unanimous.

Office report - The BDC can reside in the JFK Museum for another year.

Office schedule is as follows:

Now to mid September	Pat Andres	September to October	Paula Breagy
October to November	Paula Breagy	November to December	Paula Breagy
December to January	Merrill Blum	January to February	Anne Mazzola
February to March	Jessica Sylver	March to April	Pat Andres
April to May	Paula Breagy	May to June	Paula Breagy
June to July	Tammy	July to August	Merrill Blum

Financial Report – Tammy Cunningham passed out the most recent expense report and income statement.

Election of Commission Results –

Sheila Mulcahy, President
Merrill Blum, Vice President
Tammy Cunningham Secretary/Treasurer

Discussion of potential office locales – A brief discussion was held on relocating the BDC office. Possible locations suggested are JFK museum and 200 Main Street. Discussion will be continued at a later time.

Discussion on Playground project – Sheila Mulcahy reported she attended a meeting with Thomas Lynch, Town Manager, on August 19th. The discussion included the lack of attendance from town employees at the accessibility training held in June; an accessible training possibly being held again next year; and Loop beach access to water.

Sheila stated they also discussed the lack of universal language on handicap signage and the possibility of hiring an intern to begin surveying signage within the Town of Barnstable. SeeClickFix application was discussed with the BDC.

Dedication of Enoch Cobb Early Learning playground is being held on September 18th.

Discussion of future projects and goals –

A brief discussion was held on the current situation with portable toilets and changing vendors for next year.

A cd was received from the Architectural Access Board concerning the elevator located in the Wilkens library and building updates occurring.

Paul Logan reported on a few bills in the House and Senate concerning accessibility that were published in the Sunday Boston Globe.

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In preparation of the September meeting, Paul Logan asked members to please review the correspondence on common victualar licenses and accessibility.

Future project will include updates and revisions of the dining guide.

Jean Boyle volunteered to attend a meeting to discuss how to conduct surveys.

Brief discussion was held on business cards.

Jessica Sylver stated she could include information on the BDC in the monthly email blast sent out to chamber subscribers.

Paul Logan made a motion to adjourn at 11:52 p.m., Pat Andres 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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