



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission

Minutes

January 20, 2016

11:30 a.m.

Barnstable Senior Center
Falmouth Rd Hyannis, MA 02601

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

Members present: Sheila Mulcahy, Chair; Merrill Blum; Paula Breagy, Pat Andrews, Anne Mazzola; and Tammy Cunningham.

Others present: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and Sean Kortis, Natural Resource Officer.

Sandy Neck access mat –

Sean Kortis and Nina Coleman presented on the topic of purchasing an access mat for Sandy Neck Beach to assist individuals who are in wheelchairs or have difficulty navigating the soft sand. This can be a difficult transition for many. The mat will be used at the front beach to extend the ramp out onto the beach.

Merrill Blum moved to approve the BDC expending \$3,581 for the purchasing of an access mat with installation at Sandy Neck beach, Anne Mazzola seconded. Unanimous.

Review of minutes of November 18, 2015 – Merrill Blum moved to approve, Anne Mazzola seconded. Unanimous.

Office Report –

Sheila Mulcahy provided an update on the office.

A brief discussion was held on whether to keep the office at the JFK Museum which is has been a topic of discussion for the past few months. The suggestion has been that when the lease is up, the BDC may temporarily go without an office to see if that will work.

Paul Hebert will be the new Town Council Liaison.

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No meeting in February.

CCRT meeting – A meeting was held with Kathy Lynds, Tom Cahir, and Paula George. All parties were in agreement that access is a major issue and more outreach needs to happen to make individuals aware that transportation is available.

Common Victualer's License – Paul Logan, Richard Scali, and Thomas Perry met in November to discuss this matter. Update to be provided by Paul Logan at the next meeting.

Access Surveys – Paula Breagy provided an update on the surveys completed by herself and Jessica Sylver.

Update provided on Roadhouse Café and Cape Cod Commission building. All items of concern relating to access were completed at the Cape Cod Commission.

Merrill Blum stated he would contact Home Depot to discuss carriages and lumber carts being left in the handicap parking spaces.

Dining Guide – A discussion was held on updating the dining guide to now include hotels and, possibly transportation.

Pat Andres made a motion to adjourn at 11:41 a.m., Merrill Blum 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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