



# BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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## Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes June 17, 2020 via Zoom from 10 to 12 pm

Meeting called to order at 10:0 a.m.

**Members present:** Sheila Mulcahy, Chair; Paul Logan; Vice Chair; Linda McKinney; Chris Bartley; and Stephen Spillane.

**Guests presents:** Gene Guill, Tales of Cape Cod and Tammy Cunningham, Staff Liaison.

**Discussion on variance request for Olde Colonial Courthouse, Tales of Cape Cod** – Gene Guill of Tales of Cape Cod provided information on the project. The current project on the historical building is repairing the foundation due to the compromised structural integrity. The cost of the project triggered the need to conform to the ADA standards which they do not currently have the funding to do. This was the need and trigger for the request for the variance. Mr. Guill stated they are committed to making the building accessible, however, will need to raise the funds.

Mr. Guill described a 5 phase project plan totaling \$2.3 million dollars. The upgrading of the restrooms to make accessible is slated in phase 2 of the restoration plan. Mr. Guill stated he would be happy to share the financials with the Commission. He added that St. Mary's Church located across the street has agreed to allow them to use their accessible restrooms, when the church is open during their events.

After much discussion, the BDC thanked Mr. Guill for attending. While the BDC is not obligated to provide comment or respond to requests for a variance, Mr. Guill is asking for a letter of support. The Barnstable Disability Commission discussed briefly. They agreed they would wait for additional information before making a final decision.

**Approval of the minutes of May 20, 2020** – Steven Spillane moved to approve, Paul Logan seconded. Unanimous.

**Financial Report** – Current balance is \$65,389.93 with 4 tickets being paid in the month of May.

**Scholarships** – Linda McKinney stated she followed up with Cape Cod Tech to remind them of the eligibility criteria and that the student must reside in Barnstable. At this time, she has not heard from Barnstable High School and Sturgis High School with their list of scholarship recipients.

**Election of a Chair and Vice Chair to the Barnstable Disability Commission** – Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to rescind the position of Chair and nominate Paul Logan for the position of chair,

Chris Bartley seconded. Four ayes and 1 abstain. Chris Bartley nominated Sheila Mulcahy as the Vice Chair, Paul Logan seconded. Unanimous.

***Discussion on handicap accessible portable restrooms*** – The BDC provides funding for accessible restrooms at Loops Beach, Covell's beach, and Gary Brown boat ramp from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to fund the cost of handicap accessible portable restrooms at Loops, Covells, and Gary Brown boat ramp from Memorial Day through Labor day as ordered, Paul Logan seconded. Unanimous.

***Discussion on St. George Orthodox Church*** – Tammy Cunningham informed the Commission she spoke with Mike Perry to discuss the parking lot and handicap parking signage. Although, the parking lot is private, the Town can make and erect the signage because the location is used as a polling location. She stated she spoke with Mike Perry and before the signs can be placed at the spots shrubs will either need to be trimmed or removed. Paul Logan stated he will contact the St. George Greek Orthodox Church to discuss.

***Discussion on status of Sturgis West High School*** – Paul Logan informed the Commissioners that he has drafted a letter that has been sent to Sheila Mulcahy and Tammy Cunningham for review and sending.

***Report from the Department of Public Works Project Review Subcommittee*** - Paul Logan shared that the ramp at Dowses' beach is complete and looks great.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

Paul Logan stated he was able to receive information from Ann Quirk, Town Clerk, and Mona Solmonte, Parking Manager, on the number of handicap placard and plate holders in the Town of Barnstable. The Commission thanked Ms. Quirk and Ms. Solmonte for the assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Tammy L. Cunningham*

The objective 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)