



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
April 16, 2025
via Zoom from 10 am to 12 pm

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

Members present: Paul Logan; Chair, John Lundborn; Vice Chair, Sheila Mulcahy, Patty Ericson – Taylor, Inna Podgornaya, MacKenzie Bonaiuto, Linda McKinney, and Tammy Cunningham, Deputy Director of HR and ADA Coordinator.

Others Present:, John Gleason, Director of Recreation, and Terri McDonald, Admin. Assistant/Lead Parking Enforcement Officer.

Members Excused: Lori Gillen and Eileen Elias

Public Comment: None

Minutes of March 19, 2025 – MacKenzie Bonaiuto moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2025, Patty Ericson – Taylor seconded.

Speaker – John Gleason, Barnstable Recreation Division – John Gleason shared to improve accessibility at Barnstable beaches mobi – mats will be purchased for placement at Dowses beach and Kalmus beach. He stated that Recreation has requested approval from Conservation division for placement of the mat at Dowses beach and it has been approved. They are currently waiting for boardwalk improvements to be made at Kalmus beach. John Gleason commented that he recognizes that access to our beaches and properties are important and they will be working to get funding to continue making improvements to access. The mats will be in place from Memorial day through Columbus day. *Patty Ericson – Taylor made a motion to approve the funding of \$9750 for the purchasing of two mobi – mats, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.*

Discuss Funding Request by CORD – MacKenzie Bonaiuto discussed a miniature golf fundraiser being hosted by CORD in May to raise funds for their programs. To sponsor a hole the cost is \$400. *Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to approve the donation of \$500; \$400 to sponsor a hole and \$100 to donation to CORD, Linda McKinney seconded. The comment was made about the amount of work that CORD does for our community. Vote: (7 ayes and 1 abstain (MB))*

Financial Report - \$42,576.44

Local Access Issues –

Cape Cod Hospital – Patty stated she spoke with Michael, Director of Facilities, who reported that they will begin making crosswalk improvements by the Mugar entrance to include updating signage, painting, and curb cuts. Paul Logan commented that area of the hospital may be located in Yarmouth.

BJ's parking lot – The Commission expressed frustration on the delay of the parking lot improvements being made and the need for this change to be made. It has been a problem since the end of summer and management is fully aware.

Whole Foods Parking lot and concerns with accessible parking – The developer stated they will be eliminating three curb spaces and adding to location near the main entrance.

Report from the Posters Subcommittee – John Lundborn commented on the new poster created and the imagery.

Report from the Scholarships Subcommittee – Linda McKinney stated she has received information for the first scholarship recipient. The information was provided by Sturgis High School. She will send a letter to the schools reminding them of the scholarship criteria. This year is different with Cape Cod Community College as their education is now free for students. Linda commented the Commission may want to consider funding students at CCCC that are pursuing their education further with a four year degree from other colleges. Linda and Lori Gillen will work together on the matter.

Reports from Mass. AAB Variance Request and Subcommittee DPW Review Subcommittee - Paul Logan shared that there is a hearing with the AAB on March 24th to discuss a variance request at 181 North Street which is located next to McDonald's in Hyannis. This building will be occupied by State agencies.

ADA Self – Evaluation & Transition Plan – No updates.

Update on Common Victualers License – No update.

BDC Awareness Publicity Project – The Commission discussed the Rotary Home & Garden show and the high number of attendees.

Upcoming events were also discussed.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

Motion to adjourn by Sheila Mulcahy at 11:46 am, John Lundborn seconded.
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham