



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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**Barnstable Disability Commission
Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room
367 Main Street
Hyannis, MA 02601
MINUTES
May 16, 2007**

**In attendance: Al Melcher; Linda Cook; Susan Bethel; Paul Nevosh
Jean Boyle**

Called to order by the chairperson @ 12:00 PM.

Minutes:

Motion by Paul Nevosh - to accept minutes of April 18, 2007 as read noting that members rescind the original motion regarding \$5000 allocation for ADA projects. Discussion of rewording of the motion ensued; (original motion withdrawn).

Motion by Linda Cook – to accept minutes of April 18th, but to rescind motion made April 18 regarding \$5000 to be used for specifically identified ADA projects by Jean Boyle, Al Melcher and Mark Ells.

Discussion ensued.

Paul Nevosh seconded.

Unanimous

Motion by Paul Nevosh – The BDC authorizes up to \$7500 to be given to DPW for ADA projects identified by Jean Boyle, Al Melcher and Mark Ells.

Seconded – Jean Boyle

Discussion – The members discussed the difference between using the monies to pay people versus paying for equipment, supplies etc. Al Melcher noted that the employees from Structures and Grounds are already paid to do the work.

Jean Boyle stated that “we should not be paying people”.

Paul Nevosh asked if “we want to specify “materials” in the motion. Do we have consensus on what we want to see in the motion? (original motion withdrawn)

Motion by Paul Nevosh – The BDC authorizes up to \$7500 for materials to be given to DPW for specific ADA projects identified by Al Melcher, Jean Boyle and Mark Ells.

Seconded by Jean Boyle; no discussion; unanimous

Treasurer’s Report: N/A.

Chairman’s Report: Discussion:

Al Melcher discussed grant programs run by Barnstable County. He stated that he has requested that we be represented in the grant committee meetings.

Paul Nevosh asked the question: Why should we as volunteers go to the meetings? Why can’t they come to us?

Al Melcher stated that we have been out of the loop, thus we need representation.

Nevosh asked if the town council might be of assistance.

Linda Cook stated that Bill Cole should be our support. Discussion ensued about the duties and responsibilities of the town ADA coordinator in conjunction with the BDC.

Paul Nevosh asked if our structure and process is broken?

Linda Cook stated that we meet monthly for one hour; not enough time.

Al Melcher stated that we could hold additional meetings in the BDC office.

Scholarship Report: The procedure for awarding and reimbursing scholarships requires a motion from the members.

Linda Cook stated that 3 scholarships are coming in for approval. Two from Barnstable High and one from Sturgis.

Motion by Linda Cook to approve the release of \$3000 in scholarship money. \$1000 per recipient.

Seconded by Paul Nevosh

Discussion: Jean Boyle asked if the students had IEP's; Linda Cook stated that the students did have disabilities, but not necessarily IEP's.

Unanimous

Surveys Report: Jean Boyle

Activities: Raye Kaddy - absent

New Business:

Other:

Discussion of ADA requirements with respect to the airport and transportation center (buildings). Paul Nevosh stated that Hyannis should be a Mecca for the disabled. Jean Boyle mentioned that trying to take her daughter on an airplane has been unsuccessful.

Motion to adjourn; seconded; unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Raye Kaddy

Secretary