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BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2007

Time, Place Attendance	The monthly meeting of the Barnstable Disability Commission (BDC) was held at 367 Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Selectman's Conference room in Hyannis, MA at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday November 14, 2007. Commissioners in attendance: Al Melcher, Chairperson; Paul Nevosh; Linda Cook; Jean Boyle; Bill Cole; Frank Maioli; Susan Bethel; Jim Berks
Minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Handicapped parking issues were brought up. A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.
Treasurer's Report	Members were notified that an update of the treasurer's report would be e-mailed to each commissioner.
Activities Report	The new brochure for the BDC was distributed to each commissioner for review. Ideas about a new website were also discussed.
Scholarship Report	The \$4000 BDC scholarship fund was reviewed, and a deadline of around May 2008 was given to finalize the list of four high school student recipients.
Survey's	The issue of a recently closed school that was inaccessible to handicapped people, i.e. the mechanized lift for stairway access did not work, was discussed. Commission noted that there would have to be a watchdog appointed to oversee this matter.
Old Business	1. Finance Committee: The policy written as to how funds are to be spent was raised, followed by a discussion of the annual budget and what the various sources of income were. It was agreed to develop the annual budget, provide monthly or quarterly reports on all accounts, and review the scholarship procedure. It was also agreed that if the

	<p>BDC needed anything in regard to these budgetary matters, requests should be made to the Town of Barnstable. It was suggested that a revised letter (complaint form) should be forwarded to the Town regarding the construction of an access ramp at Veteran’s Beach. The commissioners then discussed the reestablishment of The Handicapped Parking Patrol, which is made up of BDC volunteers who find and identify people who are illegally parked in handicapped parking areas. The BDC receives \$50 from every \$100.00 parking ticket and these funds help the annual budget. A letter will be written to the Barnstable police chief regarding this parking patrol.</p> <p>2. Scholarship: It was agreed to send a letter to the first annual recipients of the scholarship (the scholarship has been in existence for three years) and ask for a letter in response detailing how the scholarship may have changed their lives. A motion was made, seconded, and the BDC voted approval for providing funds (\$1,000) for four new scholarships.</p> <p>3. Building Better Relationships: After a discussion regarding this matter, it was agreed that better support from Conservation Commission, Board of Appeals, and the Town Manager was needed to accomplish the commission’s goals and objectives.</p> <p>4. Surf Chairs and Beach Review: It was noted that vandalism is a problem with handicapped accessible picnic spots and benches. The development of the Beach Guide would be targeted for February 2008.</p> <p>5. Accessibility: The problems regarding shopping carts for handicapped at the Stop & Shop facility in Hyannis was raised. Many of these carts stall while in use, and others do not work at all. Also, the call buttons are hard to find and/or do not work in cart. The Cape Cod Mall handicapped accesses were discussed and one commissioner agreed to check out the entrance and exit doors once a week for functionality.</p>
Adjournment	<p>A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Kaess,
Student Minutes Taker