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BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES October 15, 2008

Attendees: Susan Bethel, Al Melcher, Linda Cook, Frank Maioli, Paul Nevosh, Jim Berks, Jean Boyle, Tammy Cunningham

Absent: Raye Kaddy and Coreen Brinckerhoff

Other(s) Dick Andres, Cathy Taylor

Meeting called to order at 12:10

Motion to accept minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting: motion by Linda Cook, seconded by Frank Maioli, Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Frank Maioli reported the balance at the end of September was \$52,992.61. Outlined were expenses paid such as postage, scholarships, and cell phone bill. The Commission discussed the outstanding parking tickets and collections. Frank Maioli stated he would look at the 2007 figures and compare to 2008.

Scholarship: Linda Cook asked for feedback from the Commission concerning continuing to give 4 scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each. She asked if they wish to cut back on the scholarships and give an additional beach chair in lieu of. A discussion was held on the Commission's budget. Linda Cook motioned the Commission give a total of 4 scholarships to the following entities; (1) Sturgis, (1) Cape Cod Community College, and (2) Barnstable High School, in the amount of \$1000 each, Jean Boyle seconded.

Surveys: Jean Boyle passed out survey sheets from surveys conducted at Pope John Paul II Catholic High School, St. Francis Xavier Prep School, Sturgis Charter Public School, and Cape Cod Academy (attached). She stated a copy of the survey was sent to each Headmaster along with a letter listing recommendations. Jean Boyle stated each

school will be given well into the school session before a follow up to see if corrections had been made.

During the visit to the new Catholic High School, Jean Boyle stated the Head of Maintenance walked with them to point things out. She commented they are doing a nice job, but some corrections/modifications need to be made. The Commission discussed alerting the Building Commissioner now, so that the corrections can be made while the building is still under construction. Paul Nevosh suggested sending a letter along with copies of the surveys to the Building Commissioner.

Chairman's Report: Jim Berks brought up Dowses Beach and the Handicap Beach chairs available. Al Melcher commented they are trying to make the handicapped beach chairs available at all beaches and increasing amount to 2 chairs. Al Melcher commented he would discuss with David Curley to see if he would supplement the cost. Jim Berks stated he likes the metal chair better than the plastic. Linda Cook suggested having a goal for the bigger beaches to increase to 2 handicapped beach chairs.

The Commission asked that nominations for office be placed on the agenda for the next Disability Commission meeting. A discussion was held on the position of Secretary and the fact that no one wants the position. Nominations for the positions of Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary will be held at the next meeting along with a discussion of goals for the Commission.

The Commission discussed the Town Council liaison and the need for a liaison to participate and attend Commission meetings. Susan Bethel motioned to ask the Town Council to appoint a new Town Council liaison that will attend and participate in Commission meetings regularly, Jean Boyle seconded, Unanimous.

Al Melcher reported to the Commission he has been working with the Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce and the business community on a marketing program discussing handicap accessibility. He added that they have added 4 handicap parking spaces behind the back of Hyannis Library and JFK Museum. Paul Nevosh asked if there were specific proposals. Al Melcher reported an automatic door opener was being installed at the JFK Museum and a request from the Museum to the Senior Center for a wheelchair to be on hand at the Museum.

New business: Jean Boyle entertained a discussion with the Commission concerning her Daughter's difficulty in writing checks at businesses because of the fact that she does not have a drivers license. Her daughter has an official ID from Mass Commission for Blind which it appears most merchants are not fully informed about. Jean Boyle will be writing a letter to Macy's, K Mart, and Linen's N Things from the Disability Commission concerning this matter.

Paul Nevosh expressed concerns over the fact that several members of the Disability Commission have been appointed with no knowledge of the fact given to the Disability Commission. He commented Barbara Ford sent him administrative guidelines for

appointing members to Boards and Committees. Paul Nevosh motioned to represent the Commission and speak with the Appointments Committee in an effort to change the language to include the Appointments Committee making the Board/Commission aware of an appointment of a member and letting the Board review and speak to the Appointment prior to the appointment being made, Frank Maioli seconded. Unanimous

Linda Cook commented the ADA Amendments Act for 2008 passed and has been signed. Al Melcher commented he has put in for a copy, but it is very early.

Motion to adjourn @ 1:18 P.M. by Linda Cook, seconded by Susan Bethel; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham
Assistant Director of Human Resources