



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission

May 21, 2014
11:30 a.m.

Barnstable Senior Center
Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Members present: Sheila Mulcahy, Chairperson; Anne Mazzola; Merrill Blum; Jean Boyle; Pat Andres, Raye Kaddy; and Tammy Cunningham.

Others present: Patti Machado, Leisure Services Director; Steve Sundelin, Division Supervisor of Structures & Grounds; Laurie Dooley Corey, Cotuit; Carol Dooley, Cotuit; Judy Garvey, Cotuit; Dot Silk, Cotuit; and Dick Andres.

Review of minutes of April 16, 2014: Raye Kaddy made a motion to approve, Jean Boyle seconded.

Public Comment:

Patti Machado – Hyannis Recreation Dept.

Patti Machado discussed the upcoming summer season and status of the beaches. After much discussion, it was suggested Michelle Davies, Program Coordinator, become a liaison to the commission. The purpose of Michelle becoming a liaison is to exchange information and discuss programming ideas. The Commission asked that Michelle Davies be included for agenda distribution.

Jean to order port a potties through Bouse House. Raye Kaddy made a motion to approve up to \$1800 for the expense of port a potties during Memorial Day through Labor Day at the locations of Loop Beach and Covell Beach, Merrill Blum seconded. Unanimous.

Patti Machado provided an update on the status of the Centerville Playground. Masonic Lodge donated money to have the playground inspected. Hazards causing grave danger have been removed and requirements are being reviewed. The process is ongoing.

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Patti Machado stated Recreation is a recipient of one beach chair from SmileMass and possibly, a second. Chairs will be placed at Sea Street and Wequaquet Lake. It was mentioned within the capital budget, \$100,000 was provided for the design and permitting for improvements to all bath houses.

Discussion on Loop Beach Project -

Steven Sundelin, Division Supervisor of Structures, attended the meeting with some residents of Cotuit to discuss the status of the ramp project at Loop Beach. Mr. Sundelin stated after the meeting in August they developed a set of plans which have been approved by the Conservation Commission (plans on display during meeting). The total cost of the project is approximately \$20,790 (\$10,940 materials and \$9,850 labor). The need for the ramp was brought forward by a few of the residents, so that they can have assistance with access to the water.

A discussion was held with the residents to determine if they had discussed the matter with their Civic Association and if there is a plan to raise the funds. The BDC was advised the Civic Association does not have funding to put towards the project.

The following funding suggestions were brought up with the residents:

- Rotary Club
- Boy Scouts (labor)
- Fundraising with Cotuit Civic Association
- Possible Eagle Scout project
- Sheriff's Department (labor)
- Botello's or Shepley's possible donation of lumber

The BDC also suggested writing a letter to various organizations to raise awareness of the project.

The residents were going to continue working on funding and updating the BDC at a later date with a status update.

Sail Cape Cod - Bryonny Scudder submitted a letter on behalf of Sail Cape Cod which was read into the record.

Finance Report – Pat Andres made a motion to approve, Merrill Blum seconded.

Scholarship report –

- Alexis Perry, Barnstable High School
- Anthony Marabella, Project Forward
- Lily Hazelton, Sturgis East

Dining Guide – Discussed during dining guide meeting.

Discussion on brochure/flyer – To be discussed at a later date.

Discussion of future BDC projects of interest to support - A brief discussion was held on the loop beach project, Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to provide a \$1000 of matching funds to the project upon receipt of learning a \$1000 had been raised through fundraising efforts, Merrill Blum seconded. Unanimous.

The Commission applauded the efforts of the Cotuit residents and Structures & Grounds for their work on the project, a letter to be sent to the parties noting such.

Sail Cape Cod – Raye Kaddy made a motion to donate \$1000 to Sail Cape Cod to be used for their adaptive sailing program, Pat Andres seconded. Unanimous.

Easter Seals – Jeff of Easter Seals will be emailing Merrill Blum information.

June meeting – Carol Saunders, Library Director of Hyannis Public Library, will be attending the June meeting to discuss the Hyannis Public Library.

HYCC – The BDC asked that Joe Izzo be invited back for the October meeting.

Membership – Discussion to be held during the next meeting on current membership status and reconstituting the BDC.

Raye Kaddy made a motion to adjourn at 1:35 p.m., Merrill Blum seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

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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)**

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