



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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### ***Barnstable Disability Commission***

Minutes

October 18, 2017

10 a.m.

Hyannis Youth & Community Center  
141 Basset Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

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

***Members present:*** Merrill Blum, Chair; Sheila Mulcahy, Vice Chair; Denis Briand; Paul Logan; Linda McKinney; Anne Mazzola; Sabrina Kane; and Tammy Cunningham.

***Members excused:*** Paula Breagy

***Guests:*** Michelle Davies, Recreation; Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development; Anna Brigham, Planning & Development; Paul Wackrow, Planning & Development; Anne Canedy; Steve Sundelin, Structures & Grounds; and Mona Solmonte, Consumer Affairs.

***Discussion with Elizabeth Jenkins, Planning & Development*** – The Barnstable Disability Commission had a discussion with Ms. Jenkins about the Town's Self Evaluation plan. The Town updates the town wide open space plan every 7 years. The ADA Transition plan is part of the update. The plan will include surveys of town owned buildings and school inventory. Ms. Jenkins stated she will update the plan with changes discussed at the meeting and send out a draft to BDC for review and comment.

***Discussion with Mona Solmonte*** – Mona stated that the \$1100 from the BDC has been set up in a revolving fund to pay for the costs of the updating of the handicap parking project. The project has been submitted to Highway. The list submitted does include posts. It was commented that the beaches should be removed from the list, as those are being handled by Paul Groves. Schools are in need of being surveyed. Sheila Mulcahy stated she would survey the libraries. Mike Perry to be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss signage, but in the meantime Paul Logan will contact Mike Perry to discuss.

***Minutes of September 20, 2017*** – Paul Logan made a motion to approve, Denis Briand seconded. Unanimous.

***Financial report*** - A brief discussion was held on a request from Cape Cod Community College to delay a scholarship award for Tina Jacobs, Project Forward. Ms. Jacobs is not

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returning to the program this year and would like the BDC to void the original check for issuance next year. Paul Logan made a motion to delay Ms. Jacobs funding of her scholarship award to Project Forward until next year when she returns to the program, Denis Briand seconded.

The BDC held a brief discussion on how to make the public aware of their existence and mission. A public service announcement was suggested along with filming the monthly meetings.

Pau Logan stated Paul Groves is working on beach parking. He is anticipating being finished with the project sometime in November.

A discussion was held on Cape Cod Community College and its inaccessibility. The College has reached out to the BDC to discuss applying for the MOD grant. The BDC asked Michelle Davies to find out if Ms. Machado is going to apply for a grant through MOD. Merrill Blum and Sabrina Kane will work on writing a grant for funding of a ramp at Mill Way Beach. Merrill Blum to check in with Mark Marinaccio to find out if there are current drawings for the project and if it is a shovel ready project.

***Ramp at Covell's beach*** – Steve Sundelin stated the ramp at Covell's beach is in disrepair and is in need of being replaced. The replacement ramp will be built with pressure treated wood and composite boards in a light gray color. The cost of the materials is \$6634. Paul Logan made a motion to approve the funding of \$6634 for the replacement of a ramp at Covell's beach upon receipt of an approved ADA compliant schematic design, Sheila Mulcahy seconded.

***Scholarships*** – Merrill Blum asked for volunteers from the BDC to oversee scholarships. Linda McKinney and Anne Mazzola volunteered to oversee scholarships.

***Discussion on Therapeutic Program at HYCC*** – Michelle Davies discussed the creation of a new therapeutic program for individuals of all abilities 18 and up. She stated the program would be rolled out slowly starting on Thursdays. They would like to see Spaulding Rehabilitation center introduce sled hockey, but the details need to be worked out. The program will require extra staffing, materials, etc. Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to provide \$1000 to support the creation of the program, Anne Mazzola seconded. Michelle Davies will provide an update on the program at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

**The mission of the Barnstable Disability Commission  
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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