



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission  
Barnstable Senior Center  
Minutes  
January 16, 2013

**Meeting called to order:** 11:29 a.m.

Attendees: Patricia Andres; Merrill Blum; Jean Boyle; Anne Mazzola, Sheila Mulcahy, Marc Grenier; Jim Berks; Tammy Cunningham, and Raye Kaddy.

**Excused absence:** Linda Cook; Al Melcher; Anne Canedy

**Public Comment:** Merrill Blum commented Barnstable County is hosting an Aging and Disability Forum on February 8, 2013.

**Report of minutes of November 21, 2012** - Motion by Raye Kaddy; seconded by Pat Andres, unanimous. A brief discussion was held on the purchasing of tools for the BDC accessibility surveys.

**Finance Report:**

Tammy Cunningham handed out the current income statement. Jim Berks stated the Finance Committee met prior to today's meeting. Recommendations made at the meeting were the following; \$1500 to Challenger Club to assist in funding the new young adult program targeting over 18 individuals, \$140 for a table banner to be used at Village days and other fairs, and funding of a new, updated brochure for the BDC.

Tammy Cunningham suggested contacting Kristin, Graphic Designer, to discuss her thoughts on redesigning the BDC brochure. Raye Kaddy stated she would discuss with Kristin.

Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to approve giving the Challenger Club \$1500, Anne Mazzola seconded. Raye Kaddy commented she was not opposed to providing the funding, however, does the Commission, periodically, wish to grant funding to other organizations. A brief discussion was then held.

Merrill Blum then entertained a discussion on the mission statement of the Disability Commission. Jean Boyle stated she was in favor of changing the mission statement.

Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to grant \$1500 to the Challenger Club for the inception of the Adult Social Evening Care Program, Raye Kaddy seconded. Unanimous.

A discussion was then held on the purchasing of a table banner. It was suggested that in addition to the table banner stating Barnstable Disability Commission that the Town Seal and handicap symbol be added. Marc Grenier made a motion to approve up to \$250 for a banner to be used for village days, Jim Berks seconded. Unanimous.

A brief discussion was held on soliciting requests for projects to be funded for accessibility issues with the Town of Barnstable.

***Guest – Request for funding from Senior Center – Sue Griffin:***

Jim Berks recused himself from the discussion. Susan Griffin stated the Senior Center is requesting funding to be used for the raised bed gardens. She stated they are in need of more mulch, compost, loam, seeds, and trays. The Adult Supportive Social Day Program will start the seeds. Merrill Blum and Sheila Mulcahy entertained the discussion of contacting the Master Gardner's program to see if they would provide assistance with the program.

Raye Kaddy made a motion to approve that the Adult Supportive Social Day Program receive up to \$1000 for the purposes of the raised garden beds to be used during the 2013 Spring/Summer season, Jean Boyle seconded. Raye Kaddy made a motion to amend to include the language of encouraging the Senior Center to contact Master Gardeners program, Marc Grenier seconded. Unanimous.

Raye Kaddy and Jean Boyle passed around a current draft of the dining guide. Suggestions included dollar sign info, phone number, and website info. Send to Jim for pricing information.

A brief access training was then put on by Jean Boyle and Raye Kaddy.

It was suggested an invitation be extended to Tom Perry, Building Commissioner, to ask if he would attend a Barnstable Disability Commission meeting.

The next meeting will be held in March.

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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