



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission  
Veterans Outreach Center  
Hyannis, MA  
August 21 2013  
Minutes

**Meeting called to order:** 11:35 a.m.

**Attendees:** Patricia Andres; Merrill Blum; Anne Mazzola, Tammy Cunningham, Sheila Mulcahy, Al Melcher, Jean Boyle, and Raye Kaddy.

Others present: Dick Andres, Patti Machado, Recreation and Leisure program Director, Steve Sundelin, Division Supervisor, and Linda Cook. Residents in attendance concerning Loop Beach: Dorothea Silks, Judy Garvey, Mary Murphy, Carol Robinson, Laurie Dooley, Carol Dooley, Sharon Kiernan, Elsie Kitchen, and Carole Kanavos.

**Excused absence:** Marc Grenier and Anne Canedy.

**Public Comment:** None.

The meeting commenced with recognition to Linda Cook for her hard work and commitment to the office. Linda stated she was still willing to assist in the office.

Discussion on CDBG Grant, can Hyannis Golf Course apply for monies to assist in the design and building of the public accessible restrooms. Tammy Cunningham will discuss the possibility of this with Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services and Kathleen Girouard.

**Report of minutes of June 19, 2013** - Motion by Raye Kaddy to approve; seconded by Anne Mazzola, unanimous.

**Report of minutes of July 23, 2013** – Motion by Raye Kaddy to approve, seconded by Sheila Mulcahy, unanimous.

**Financial Report** – The net income statement dated August 7, 2013 was distributed to all members present. A brief discussion was then held concerning the funding of the account.

**Other business:**

**Office address – J. F. Kennedy Museum, Hyannis, MA 02601**

A brief discussion was then held on the status of the dining guide. Patti Machado commented Smile was thrilled with the guide. All members reported receiving positive feedback on the guide.

A few members of the BDC will be attending the Centerville Civic Association being held on October 7, 2013.

A few members attended Olde Home week and the Centerville annual meeting.

A brief discussion was then held on developing a marketing plan for the upcoming year which would include going before the Town Council to advice on the current initiatives of the BDC. Patti Machado suggested partnering with the Recreation Commission to present before the Town Council.

A brief discussion was then held on conducting an analysis to identify if the Town's golf courses are accessible.

The Disability Commission created a sunshine fund which is funded by the members for the purposes of purchasing gifts for departing members; get well gifts, celebratory lunches, etc. Current balance of \$7 is being held by Tammy Cunningham.

***Discussion on Loop Beach situation:***

A lengthy discussion was held with residents present to discussion the current situation with loop beach.

Areas of concern:

- deterioration of beach
- handicap ramp – inability to go into water
- inaccessibility
- sand/seaweed
- markers for swimming – could they be increased side to side
- losing the beach which has been valued by many Cotuit families for years
- flying umbrellas
- inflatable toys
- no lifeguards on staff after August 13<sup>th</sup>
- water quality testing

Response/action items:

Patti Machado responded stating there has been a huge loss of beach at that location. The current is very dangerous to point that lives could be lost. The ropes for swim area are the designated safe swim zone and cannot be increased side to side because the jetty area is also very dangerous with the rocks. She also stated water quality testing is performed every Monday.

Steve Sundelin stated a new ramp could be put in at that location, however, it will require funding. Based on a similar project Steve estimated a cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000 to build. Patti Machado commented ramps located at other beaches were donated and not funded by the Town.

Steve Sundelin commented the Town could conduct the design and apply for the permits for the project. He added the length of the ramp could be expanded if a variance was requested and granted.

The BDC suggested to the residents in attendance that they also engage the interest of the civic group to gain their participation in this matter.

Steve Sundelin will provide an update in the early fall to Tammy Cunningham. Citizen liaison/spokesperson for Loops beach project is Judy Garvey.

Slate of Officers for 2013/2014:

Sheila Mulcahy, Chairperson  
Marc Grenier, Vice Chairperson  
Tammy Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion made by Raye Kaddy, seconded by Jean Boyle, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 a.m. The next meeting will be held in September.

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)**