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Minutes

Barnstable Disability Commission Sub-committee meeting – Public Relations April 2, 2013

Attendees: Jean Boyle; Linda Cook; Jim Berks; Sheila Mulcahy; Raye Kaddy; Dick Andres

Called to order: 9:35 A.M.

Discussion/Recommendations:

Topic: How to disseminate disability resource information more effectively and efficiently to Town of Barnstable residents, visitors, and other groups.

Banner: Jim Berks has contacted the company that will produce the banner. Jim will bring a copy of this item to the next BDC meeting for the commissioners to view. Also, he will send a copy to members via email. Banner is for use at various events throughout the town/villages such as the Main Street festivals. We need to obtain a list of upcoming events to plan a calendar so that people can sign up to attend and maintain a BDC presence.

Also, need a list of volunteers to participate in these events, e.g. (table)

Suggest putting picture of banner into portion of the newspaper called “Flagship” with an article about the upcoming dining Guide and mention our goal to provide resources to those with disabilities. Provide our contact info.

Brochure: The 2008 copy of the BDC brochure was revised by the members in attendance. These revisions are to be sent to the graphic person who will update the BDC information. A draft will be brought to the monthly meeting for the commissioners to preview and comment. Eventually, put this brochure on web page.

Website: The BDC website needs to be enhanced. Can we connect with 4 C's class or student to take on this project of revision? We need to add resource links to our website.

Dining Guide: Discussion of how to publicize this item once printed. Put this on the website. Distribute throughout town.

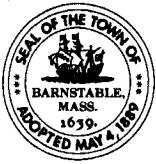
Other:

1. Citizen's Training Group may be an opportunity for us to speak about our mission. As it currently stands, there is no mention of the BDC in the literature. Perhaps we might look at this as an opportunity to raise consciousness about disability resources and the ADA?
2. Develop a list of resources to put as a link on the BDC website.
3. Invite speakers and visitors to attend our meetings: e.g. Jeff Dougan; local building inspector; other dept. heads or commissioners as appropriate.
4. Provide a workshop for town workers and others.

The meeting adjourned @ 10:50.
Respectfully submitted,
Raye Kaddy

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Tuesday, April 2, 2013

JFK Museum - BDC Office

397 Main Street, Hyannis MA 02601

9:30 a.m.

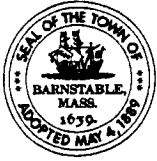
Revised Agenda

Topic: How to disseminate disability resource information more effectively and efficiently to Town of Barnstable residents, visitors, and other groups.

1. Disability Banner: View mock-up of banner and discuss logo options pricing, and potential sites for use.
2. Brochure: Review and revise the current BDC brochure with intent to update information. (Current brochure is dated 2007). Discuss options for having the brochure printed.
3. Discuss other potential strategies such as the BDC website –that could be utilized to improve communication and dissemination of information.

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Sub-committee Meeting

April 2, 2013
Tuesday @ JFK Building – BDC Office
Main Street, Hyannis, MA
9:30 AM

AGENDA

Information Distribution:

1. Banner & Brochure
2. Website
3. Other

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March 26, 2013

Merrill Blum, Chairperson
Barnstable Disability Commission
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Dear Chairman Blum:

RE: Apparent Open Meeting Law Violation, Disability Commission 04/02/2013 Meeting Agenda, Request for Immediate Remedial Action

Please take note of the attached document: *Barnstable Disability Commission, Meeting Agenda, 9:30 AM, April 2, 2013*

Please be advised that said meeting agenda is reasonably believed to severely lack "sufficient specificity" in violation of the *Massachusetts Open Meeting Law*. It appears to be in violation of *Massachusetts Attorney General's Regulations, 940 CMR 29.00: Open Meetings (Current as of September 14, 2012)*. Said Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) states as follows:

940 CMR 29.00: Open Meetings, 29.03: Notice Posting Requirements

(1) Requirements Applicable to All Public Bodies

(b) Meeting notices shall be printed or displayed in a legible, easily understandable format and shall contain the date, time and place of such meeting and a listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting. The list of topics shall have sufficient specificity to reasonably advise the public of the issues to be discussed at the meeting. The date and time that the notice is posted shall be conspicuously recorded thereon or therewith.

Said meeting agenda and notice only lists the following vague and ambiguous items under its topics for discussion:

- 1. Banner & Brochure**
- 2. Website**
- 3. Other**

THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF THE AFORMENTIONED REGULATION HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY VIOLATED BECAUSE ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE CONTENT OF THE AFORESAID MEETING AGENDA ARE NOT "SUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC" AS REQUIRED BY SAID REGULATION, AND ARE INSTEAD OVERLY VAGUE, IMPRECISE, AMBIGUOUS, NON-SPECIFIC, CONFUSING AND UNCLEAR.

For example, said enumerated items only provide a few named items and a few generalized labels, but no details or explanations of any sort. The average member of the public does NOT have any idea what the exact matters or issues will be discussed or covered at the meeting. As a result, the public is kept in the dark and is NOT PROPERLY INFORMED as to exactly what the

purpose and topics to be discussed during the Barnstable Disability Commission meeting will entail.

It is respectfully requested that you please immediately take appropriate remedial action. Please be so kind as to reissue and post a "*Revised Agenda*" forthwith with the necessary corrections containing far more specific information being made. If the requested remedial is taken in a timely manner, then it will not be necessary to file an official *Open Meeting Law Complaint* with the *Attorney General's Office, Division of Open Government*. If you need or require additional time to comply with this OML related request, then please simply make that need known as soon as possible. However, please also be advised that simply ignoring this serious request is not an option.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Beaty

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