

BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission Barnstable Senior Center Hyannis, MA February 19, 2014 Minutes

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

Attendees: Patricia Andres; Merrill Blum; Anne Mazzola, Tammy Cunningham, Sheila Mulcahy, and Marc Grenier,

Others present: Dick Andres and Thomas Perry, Building Commissioner.

Excused absence: Councilor Anne Canedy, Raye Kaddy, and Jean Boyle.

Report of minutes of November 20, 2013 - Motion by Pat Andres to approve, seconded by Anne Mazzola. Unanimous.

Financial Report – The net income statement dated February 6, 2014 was distributed to all members present. A brief discussion was then held concerning the report.

Public Comment with Tom Perry, Building Commissioner --- At the Disability Commission's request, Tom Perry attended this months meeting. The purpose of the invite is to discuss with Tom his role as the Building Commissioner on accessibility and any concerns he may have.

A brief discussion was then held on the current status of public/capital projects.

Scholarship Committee Report - Pat Andres made a motion to increase the scholarship amount from three \$1000 scholarships to four \$1000 scholarships to include the new Sturgis Campus, Merrill Blum seconded.

Office Report - Sheila Mulcahy staffed the office for January. A brief discussion was held on the current status of the office. A discussion on whether to continue to keep the BDC office was going to be placed on the agenda as an item for discussion. **Goals** – A brief discussion was then held on the dining guide. Pat Andres provided Commissioners with an update. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting. A dining guide meeting will be scheduled on March 19th at 11 a.m.

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Sheila Mulcahy, Chairperson Marc Grenier, Vice Chairperson William Cole, ADA Tammy Cunningham, Sec.& Tres. Ann Canedy, Council Liaison Al Melcher, Advisor Tammy Cunningham was asked to invite Lynne Poyant to attend the March meeting.

A brief discussion was held on the fact sheet. *Office report and Communications:*

The Commission asked Tammy Cunningham to confirm if Vice President, Anne Cannedy, continues to be the liaison to the BDC. Pat Andres provided a office update to the Commission.

Approval of the minutes of October 21, 2013 – Motion by Sheila Mulcahy to approve, Merrill Blum seconded. Jean Boyle and Pat Andres continue working on the dining guide and did visit a few restaurants.

Tammy Cunningham continues to work on the BDC fact sheet. A draft of the fact sheet will be sent to Commission members by the end of December. Access meeting will be held in January.

The Commission brought up the idea of participating in the Leadership Academy. The Commission asked Tammy Cunningham to discuss with Bill Cole.

The Commission asked Tammy Cunningham to discuss with Lynne Poyant having the monthly meeting posted in the monthly news bulletin.

Stewart's Creek Project:

The Commission held a brief discussion on the possibility of becoming involved in the Stewart's Creek Project. The Commission asked Tammy Cunningham to invite Darcy Karle to the March meeting to begin the discussion of steps to take, cost, and status of where previously established committee stands on the project.

Other business regarding accessibility: A discussion was then held on Executive Order 530 which is comprised of a new committee to look at para- transportation for those with disabilities.

Merrill Blum stated he has been invited to participate on the Regional Coordinating Committee to address the issue. He will report back to the BDC with updates.

Mission Statement:

The current mission statement will remain.

The Commission asked Tammy Cunningham to contact Jeff Dougan to discuss an interpretation of MGL and public parking lots.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m. 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)