



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission

Minutes

July 20, 2016

10 a.m.

Barnstable Senior Center
Falmouth Rd Hyannis, MA 02601

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

Members present: Sheila Mulcahy, Chair; Merrill Blum; Vice Chair; Paula Breagy; Jessica Sylver; Anne Mazzola; Paul Logan; and Tammy Cunningham.

Sheila Mulcahy stated that because they did not have a quorum for June's meeting they will need to take a vote on the May and June minutes

Minutes of May 18th - Paul Logan made a motion to approve, Jessica Sylver seconded. Unanimous

June 15, 2016 – Paul Logan made a motion to approve, Jessica Sylver seconded.

Public Comment:

Sheila Mulcahy stated she has been talking with Art Levine of the Newburyport Commission. They are interested in starting a dining guide and looking for a copy of the questionnaire.

The matter of materials carts being left in the handicapped parking spots continues at Home Depot. Paul Logan will contact the manager once again to discuss.

Senior Center Access Ramp - A discussion on the parking lot project and presentation by Clay Schofield during the June meeting were discussed. A drawing was presented of the proposed ramp, however, it is the commission's opinion that the new ramp is more dangerous than the existing. It was also commented as to whether they had they appropriate amount of handicap parking spots. Sheila Mulcahy stated she was going to contact Dan Santos to discuss the project and ask if he would like to attend the next meeting to discuss.

During June's meeting, Madeline Noonan attended to discuss modifications to the basement to allow for easier exit and entrance in the event of an emergency. She also

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discussed sending information to BDC members on age related communities or having members conduct internet research on the matter.

Sheila Mulcahy stated she attended the Sigh Loss Conference and, per an Attorney presenting at the conference, under the ADA Laws Disability Commissions are entitled to 100% of the funding.

Merrill Blum is going to contact Ron Belicki to discuss a letter he had sent to the BDC.

Portable bathrooms – Paul Logan stated he spoke with United Services and there are two different accessible bathrooms. He also stated that he spoke with a Representative and they are going to honor the price we were charged from Our Outhouses.

Sheila Mulcahy discussed the process and confusion that occurred with the ordering of the portable toilets for this year. She was going to contact Patti Machado to discuss the process for upcoming years.

Finance Report – The current balance is \$62,605.90 with \$7500 going to be deducted soon for scholarships and donations.

Surveys – A survey was conducted of the Barnstable Village Post Office A discussion was held on the findings and items needing to be corrected. The name of the Regional Manager was given to contact about the items.

Millway Ramp - Four different proposals have been offered for building at Millway Beach. Currently, there is a path to the water which by observation of the Commission members should be removed. Commissioners were going to set up a time to meet at the site.

Common Victualer’s License – A public hearing is set for August 22nd at 9 a.m. Paul Logan will send out new regulations to the members.

Guide to Accessible Dining – Tammy to email the survey questionnaire to Jessica Sylver.

Voting of BDC Officers for 2016 – 2017 –

Sheila Mulcahy, Chair
Merrill Blum, Vice Chair
Tammy Cunningham, Secretary and Treasurer

Merrill Blum made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m., Jessica Sylver seconded.

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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