



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission

Minutes

June 21, 2017

10 a.m.

Hyannis Youth & Community Center
141 Basset Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

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

Members present: Sheila Mulcahy, Chair; Merrill Blum, Vice Chair; Paul Logan; Sabrina Kane; Dennis Briand; Linda McKinney; Paul Hebert, Town Council Liaison; Paula Breagy; and Tammy Cunningham.

Members excused: Anne Mazzola

Guests: Cynthia Stead of Sight Loss Services; Michelle Davies; and Mona Solmonte, Parking Manager, & Transportation Coordinator for Consumer Affairs.

Minutes: Paul Logan made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2017, Merrill Blum seconded. Unanimous.

Finance Report – Tammy Cunningham presented the finance report.

Sight Loss Services – Cynthia Stead, Executive Director of Sight Loss Services presented on the services and goods provided to those visually impaired residing on the Cape & Islands. Last year, the total costs of services provided to residents of the Town of Barnstable were \$8,274.47.

Paul Logan made a motion to approve the granting of \$4000 to Sight Loss Services for the services and goods provided to town of Barnstable residents, Dennis Briand seconded. Unanimous.

A brief discussion was held on having assistive devices for those visually impaired at Barnstable High School or Cotuit Center for the Arts.

Handicap Parking Presentation – Mona Solmonte provided to the Board an update on the current status of the handicap parking project completed last year. Consumer Affairs is seeking assistance with the cost of replacing and making new signage for various existing handicap parking spots throughout Town.

A discussion was also held on a phone call the BDC received from a distraught woman over an incident with what was learned to be a staff member of Consumer Affairs. It was pertaining to an expired handicap parking placard and the manner in which the matter was handled. Mona Solmonte stated the employee had been spoken to about the matter. A process is now in place for how to address in the future.

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Scholarships: Merrill Blum brought to the Board's attention that he had recently learned that one of the Barnstable High School Seniors who had been granted a scholarship is not a resident Barnstable, but is a graduating senior of the High School. Dennis Briand made a motion to make an exception, Merrill Blum seconded. Unanimous.

Cape Cod Challenger Club – Paul Logan made a motion to continue the financial support to the Cape Cod Challenger Club in the amount of \$2500, Dennis Briand seconded. Unanimous.

Millway Beach Ramp – The BDC discussed the removal of the beach mat that had been located at Millway Beach due to safety concerns. Sheila Mulcahy stated there will be a discussion at the annual MOD meeting of the possibility of building a ramp on the State owned portion of the property.

Civic Associations – Paula Breagy recommended the BDC connect with the Civic Associations.

Senior Center Ramp – Sheila Mulcahy stated she would email Mark Marinaccio and copy Dan Santos on the status of the Senior Center Ramp.

Cotuit Dock – Tammy Cunningham will contact Dan Horn to get an update on the status of the citizen concern with the Cotuit Dock.

MOD Luncheon – Merrill Blum stated he is expecting 40 participants. Jeff Dougan confirmed this number with Tammy Cunningham. An invitation was extended to new BDC members and Town Councilor Paul Hebert to attend.

Elections – The unanimous votes of the elections was as follows:

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

Next meeting will be held on July 19, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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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