



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

Mailing address - 230 South Street  
Hyannis, MA 02601



Marc Brunco, Chair  
Sarah Nicholson, Vice Chair  
William Cole, ADA Coordinator  
Tammy Cunningham, Sec. & Tres.  
Paul Hebert, Council Liaison

Office: 508-862-4694  
FAX: 508-790-6307  
E mail: [BDC@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:BDC@town.barnstable.ma.us)

Paul Logan  
Linda McKinney  
Sheila Mulcahy  
Stephen Spillane

Barnstable Disability Commission  
Minutes  
September 18, 2019  
Hyannis Youth & Community Center  
141 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Members present:** Marc Brunco, Chair; Sarah Nicholson; Vice Chair, Linda McKinney; Paul Logan; Stephen Spillane; Tammy Cunningham; and Paula Breagy.

**Members Excused:** Sheila Mulcahy

Guests Present – Merrill Blum

**Approval of the minutes of August 21, 2019** – Stephen Spillane moved to approve as amended, Paul Logan seconded. Unanimous.

**Financial Report** – An updated financial report was presented during the meeting.

**Discussion on videoconferencing Barnstable Disability Commission meetings** – Tammy Cunningham stated a long term goal of the Town is to have all Board and Commission meetings be captured on video for televising. More information will be provided as additional information is shared.

**Vote to allow Commissioners to attend meetings via remote participation** - A discussion was held on the subject stating logistically it makes sense to allow someone incapacitated to attend via remote. Paul Logan made a motion to allow remote participation at all meetings of the Barnstable Disability Commission, Stephen Spillane seconded. Unanimous.

**Discussion on proposed amendments to the Barnstable Disability Commission By - Laws** - Tabled until next meeting

**Discussion on Surveying Town Properties and Buildings** – Linda McKinney stated she would work with Sheila Mulcahy.

**Discussion on submittal of a grant application to MOD** – A brief discussion was on held on the Town submitting a grant proposal for the funding to hire a consultant to create a self- evaluation plan. A subcommittee was created to assist in this endeavor; Tammy Cunningham, Sarah Nicholson, and Marc Brunco.

Paul Logan commented since April 2018 he has brought to DPW's attention the need for beach parking lots to be brought into compliance. He was told last fall it would happen in the spring, but it has yet to happen. A discussion was held stating that people are working hard to get things done, but items are falling through the cracks and there is a lack of communication.

The BDC asked Tammy Cunningham to invite John Gleason and Patti Machado to the October meeting.

***Discussion with Merrill Blum*** – Merrill Blum stated he was attending the meeting to request the support of the BDC in advocating to have a LED sign placed at the Barnstable Adult Community Center. Currently, they are receiving complaints that people are unable to see the sign. An LED would be more visible and they would be able to amend the language more easily.

They have brought the matter to the Building Department, however, currently there is a code restriction. They could apply for an exemption. The new LED sign will be compatible with other signs. They are asking to amend the code to allow for the Adult Community Center to have such a sign. Merrill Blum commented Paul Hebert is in support of this matter and is residing on the sub- committee taking up this issue.

Marc Brunco made a motion to approve supporting the Council on Agings efforts to amend the code allowing for a LED sign to be placed at the Barnstable Adult Community Center, Paul Logan seconded.

***Report from the Architectural Access Board Variance Request Subcommittee*** – An update was provided on the Kettle Ho variance and a brief discussion was held on the update from the AAB.

The request for a variance for Luminosity was approved with requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham