



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission  
Minutes  
May 20, 2020  
Via Zoom from 10 to 12 pm

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Members present:** Sheila Mulcahy, Vice Chair; Linda McKinney; Chris Bartley; Stephen Spillane (joined late); and Paul Logan.

**Guests presents:** Paul Hebert, Town Council President & Liaison to BDC; and Tammy Cunningham, Staff Liaison.

**Approval of the minutes of February 19, 2020** – Paul Logan moved to approve, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

**Public Comment** – Council President Hebert informed the BDC on the status of Barnstable and the COVID - 19 pandemic.

**Financial Report** – Tammy Cunningham provided the current status to the financials. Commissioners asked Tammy to check on the status of the ramp to be built at Dowses Beach.

**Scholarships** – Linda McKinney provided the names of the scholarship recipients from Cape Cod Tech and Project Forward. She commented that she had not received scholarship information from Sturgis Charter School or Barnstable High School Linda mentioned she would contact both schools to check on the status.

Unfortunately, a scholarship recipient put forward by Cape Cod Tech is not a Barnstable resident which is one of the requirements within the scholarship criteria. The BDC discussed and asked Linda to follow up with Cape Cod Tech to discuss with them and put forward a new recipient.

**Final review and discussion on proposed amendments to the Barnstable Disability Commission By – Laws** – Paul Logan moved to approve with a new copy to be provided electronically, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

**Election of a Chair and to the Barnstable Disability Commission** – Paul Logan moved a motion to nominate Sheila Mulcahy as the Chair of the Barnstable Disability Commission with a final vote to come next month, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous. Sheila Mulcahy moved to nominate Paul Logan, Chris Bartley seconded. Unanimous.

**Discussion on St. George Greek Orthodox Church** – The St. George Orthodox Church is used as polling location for Barnstable. Currently, there is no permanent handicap parking signage. This item was reviewed and addressed during the site visit of polling locations about 3 years ago.

Paul Logan has reached out to Ann Quirk, Town Clerk, to discuss. He commented that St. George's Church does not charge the Town for its usage. Paul Logan moved to approve \$1000 for the creation and placement of handicap parking signs at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, Steve Spillane seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion on status of Sturgis West High School – The BDC members and Council President Hebert discussed different strategies to be considered in addressing students parking illegally in the HP spots in the Melody Tent overflow parking lot. This matter had been brought to the Vice Principal with Sturgis West with no response or action taken to date. After much discussion it was determined a letter would be drafted for sending to the Sturgis West Charter School Administration.

Report from the Architectural Access Board Variance Request Subcommittee – Paul Logan stated there was no update to the disposition on the Kettle Ho.

Report from the Department of Public Works Project Review Subcommittee – Craigville Beach East – Paul Logan informed the Commissioners that he had met the Town Engineer and Highway at the location. He thanked Mike Perry for making this happen. He discussed the parking layout and the increase of the width of the access aisles.

Welcome to new Commissioner – The BDC welcomed Chris as a new member to the BDC. Chris introduced himself and commented he was looking forward to being part of the BDC. He served on the Youth Commission and was interested in continuing to serve. His interests and passions focus in the area of mental health.

Discussion on surveying of Town Properties and Buildings – A discussion was held on addressing the lack of handicap parking in the North Street parking lot. This issue has come up and is challenging to address as the ownership involves multiple businesses along with the Town.

A discussion was then held concerning the lack of accessibility in the bar area at Not Your Average Joe's Restaurant.

*Posters Subcommittee* – Tabled until next meeting.

*Report from the Architectural Access Board Variance Request Subcommittee* – Kettle Ho matter is still pending.

*Report from the Department of Public Works Project Review Subcommittee* – None.

*Discussion on New and Ongoing Construction and Development Projects* - None.

*Old Business* – A discussion was held on the usage of the Melody Tent parking lot for Sturgis West students. An issue has come up with students without valid handicap plates or placards parking in the handicap parking spots. An attempt to resolve the matter was brought to the attention of the Sturgis Administration in the past, however, it remains unresolved. The Commission will be addressing the matter.

Paul Logan asked for an update on the handicap parking signage at the Greek Orthodox Church. Tammy Cunningham will speak with Ann Quirk concerning the status.

*New Business*- Barnstable Disability Commission members have been invited to an event at Cape Abilities showcasing the new fully accessible kitchen.

Tammy Cunningham read a request for funding from the Cape Cod Challenger Club for their Spring programming. The BDC asked that they be invited to discuss the request the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy L. Cunningham*

**The objective 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)**