



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
March 20, 2024
via Zoom from 10 am to 12 pm

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

Members present: Paul Logan; Chair, Linda McKinney, Michael Hersey, Sheila Mulcahy, Warren Rutherford, John Lundborn, Lori Gillen, Patty Ericson – Taylor, and Tammy Cunningham, Assistant Director of HR and ADA Coordinator.

Others Present: Delia DeMello, Social Security Administration and Peter Bertling, Transportation Coordinator & Parking Manager.

Members Excused: Sheila Mulcahy.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes of February 21, 2024 – Warren Rutherford moved to approve, Linda McKinney seconded. (8 ayes and 1 abstain, John Lundborn)

Paul Logan shared that Christopher Bartley has resigned from the Commission. Paula Breagy will no longer be a member due to attendance issues.

Presentation/Discussion with Delia DeMello, Social Security Administration – Ms. DeMello provided an overview to the Commissioners on the U.S. Social Security system and its key elements. For highlights, new social security cards can now be started and completed online, for someone mentally impaired they can now designate a representative, SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) is an excellent resource for those requiring assistance, and when applying for disability social security the process takes about 4 to 6 months for completion.

Financial Report –Balance of \$48,341.69

Update on Common Victualer's License Ordinance – Paul Logan stated the Commission has been provided with an update from the Assistant Town Attorney. We have learned that the current policy with Licensing is not enforceable. The Commission will be continuing forward seeking solutions to make this a policy that is able to be enforced.

ADA Self – Evaluation and Transition Plan – Patty Ericson – Taylor brought up Keyes Beach being inaccessible to patrons. She mentioned the challenges of traversing the sand and accessing the water for someone with a disability. Tammy will be sending Patty the survey from the ADA self-evaluation plan. Tammy will invite Chris Gonnella, John Gleason, and P.J. Kelliher to attend the April meeting to discuss the beaches and accessible features located at each.

Report from Posters Subcommittee – No information to report.

Report from Scholarships Sub Committee – No information to report.

Reports from Mass AAB Variance Request SubCommittee/DPW Reviews/TOB Projects –

Paul Logan stated a complaint had been filed against Bank of America due to their sign heights. They have been corrected.

A complaint had been filed against West End Restaurant, but since been dismissed.

A complaint was filed against the Christmas Tree Shop Plaza for handicap parking violations. The owner believed they were adhering to the letter of the law.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

A discussion was held about the complaint filed with State Representative Xiarhos concerning the Marstons Mills precinct. The complaint concerned a voter with a disability who needed to lean when standing to be able to vote, but this is not allowed. There was no chair located at the table for someone to be able to sit and vote. Linda McKinney stated there was also no chair at the table in the Centerville voting precinct. Paul Logan and Tammy Cunningham will be meeting with Ann Quirk, Town Clerk to discuss. Patty Ericson – Taylor also mentioned an insensitive comment being made by a worker at the precinct after the voter left. It was suggested sensitivity training be conducted.

Motion to adjourn by Warran Rutherford at 11:54 am, Patty Ericson - Taylor seconded.
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy L. Cunningham

**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).**