



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
September 18, 2024
via Zoom from 10 am to 12 pm

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

Members present: Paul Logan; Chair, John Lundborn, Vice Chair, Patty Ericson – Taylor, Eileen Elias, Inna Podgornaya, Lori Gillen, Sheila Mulcahy, Linda McKinney, and Tammy Cunningham, Assistant Director of HR and ADA Coordinator.

Others Present: Lois Fournier, Peter Bertling; Transportation and Parking Manager

Members Excused: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes of August 21, 2024 – Linda McKinney made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2024, John Lundborn seconded. (9 Ayes and 1 Abstain (LG))

Peter Bertling commented he has contacted the Building Division to discuss restaurants on Main Street's outdoor dining areas encroaching in the five-foot access aisle. A few specific restaurants have been reported to the Building Division for review. He suggested that spot checks occur by the Building Division going forward.

Financial Report – Currently the balance is \$45,268.80.

Discussion with Whelden Public Library ADA Accessibility Project and funding – A brief discussion was held on the Library's recent community meeting to discuss accessibility and the proposed project improvements. It was commented that the meeting did not have many participants. Paul Logan asked Tammy Cunningham to invite Whelden Library to the October Disability Commission meeting.

Rowing to Recovery Water Access (Lake Wequaquet in Centerville) - Sheila Mulcahy provided a brief introduction on the Rowing to Recovery group beginning about 5 years ago. The mission behind the organization was to build a support group for individuals living with an illness to come together and learn to row. One year the group did row out of Lake Wequaquet which is also Cape Cod Rowing Club's home lake, but they were uninvited back as the group felt it was a liability. Rowing to Recovery would like to get back to Lake Wequaquet. The goal is to have this rowing club be a feeder club to the Cape Cod Rowing Club.

Lois Fournier provided additional background information on the program. Rowing to Recovery is looking for equal access to Lake Wequaquet. John Lundborn suggested Sheila Mulcahy contact the Disability Law Center to assist in addressing the matter. Paul Logan stated John Gleason, Director of Recreation, has worked with the Barnstable Disability Commission in the past and is very approachable. It was asked that John Gleason and Chris Gonnella be invited to the October meeting to discuss the matter.

Beach Wheelchair Proposal – Patty Ericson – Taylor stated she reached out to the Town of Dennis to discuss their experience since the purchase of the electric beach chair. Information is being sent to Patty from a company in Texas. There is also a company in Sandwich who sells the chair and maintains. The cost of the chair is roughly \$7000 with a maintenance fee of approximately \$350 per year. A discussion on the logistics of storing, maintaining, and transporting between beaches followed. The Commission will discuss the purchase of the chair with John Gleason during the October meeting.

It was also commented instead of purchasing an electric wheelchair consideration be given to purchasing additional Mobi mats.

Safety Day and Stand Down for Veterans Cape Cod Events – A brief discussion was held on attendance at these events.

Update on Common Victualler's License Ordinance – No update.

ADA Self Evaluation & Transition plan – None

Report from Posters Subcommittee – John Lundborn will contact Alison Caron to check on the status of the posters and have delivered to School Administration Building.

Report from Scholarships Sub Committee – No Update.

Long Pasture All Persons Trail Update – Opening ceremony is September 19th.

Reports from Mass. AAB Variance Request subcommittee/DPW Review Subcommittee – No report.

BDC Awareness Publicity Project (CCRTA Event/Fairs/Shows) – None

Paul Logan stated Safety Day is being held at the Adult Community Center on 9/25.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair – None

Motion to adjourn by John Lundborn at 11:42 am, Sheila Mulcahy seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy L. Cunningham

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).