



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes February 19, 2025 via Zoom from 10 am to 12 pm

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

Members present: Paul Logan; Chair, Sheila Mulcahy, Patty Ericson – Taylor, Lori Gillen, MacKenzie Bonaiuto, Linda McKinney, and Tammy Cunningham, Deputy Director of HR and ADA Coordinator.

Others Present:, Peter Bertling, Transportation and Parking Manager.

Members Excused: John Lundborn

Public Comment: None

Minutes of January 15, 2025 – Patty Ericson – Taylor moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2025, MacKenzie Bonaiuto seconded. (passed with Sheila Mulcahy abstaining)

Discussion on Emergency Preparedness w/Peter Burke, Hyannis Fire Chief – Discussion tabled until March.

Dr. Robin Lanzi will be attending the March meeting. It was requested that Jim Kupfer, Director of Planning and Development, be asked to attend the April meeting.

Financial Report - \$47,209.57

Local Access Issues –

Whole Foods Parking lot and concerns with accessible parking – Paul Logan stated that he has spoken with WS Development twice. It is believed that to be in compliance with the law two additional handicap parking spots are needed. If the matter is not resolved a complaint could be filed with the State.

Paul still needs to visit Panera to determine if there are any access violations with the entrance and ramp.

BJ's parking lot – Patty will contact Paul Logan to discuss next steps. The issue relating to this parking lot is the location of the handicap spots.

Other issues – Peter Bertling stated he reached out to the VP of Facilities with Cape Cod Healthcare with concerns about accessibility in the Cape Cod Hospital parking lot. He

has not heard back. Patty commented in the area behind the hospital located by the cafeteria there is a crosswalk with no curb cut.

Update on Common Victualers License – No update. A discussion was held on how to get the business community to come together and have a conversation about disabilities and accessibility. Eileen Elias suggested partnering with one to three businesses and inviting them in for a conversation to partner on the subject. It was suggested that the Barnstable Disability Commission contact Mass. Office of Disability to host a joint meeting on the subject. An invitation to Craig Tamash, President of the Town Council, to attend a meeting was also discussed.

It was also suggested that Dr. Ahern, Superintendent of Schools, be invited to the July meeting.

Linda McKinney will reach out to Cape Cod Community College to invite to the August meeting.

John Lundborn suggested having the Disability Law Center attend a meeting in September/October to hold a question and answer.

Lori Gillen suggested inviting Mass Ability and CORD to the June meeting.

ADA Self – Evaluation & Transition Plan – No updates.

Report from the Posters Subcommittee – MacKenzie is joining the sub – committee with Inna and John. They are currently working on some ideas for posters with Alison and will be submitting a draft in June.

Report from the Scholarships Subcommittee – Nothing to report at this time. It was commented that the committee look at creative ways to spend scholarships within criteria.

Reports from Mass. AAB Variance Request and Subcommittee DPW Review Subcommittee - Nothing to report.

BDC Awareness Publicity Project – Rotary Home & Garden Show is on April 5th. Set up is April 4th. CORD will also be attendance.

Dates are needed for International Day and Safety Day. Unity Day is being held on August 1st. Lori Gillen has submitted the application.

Commissioners were asked to send their hours to Tammy that they will be overseeing the booth/table at the Rotary Home and Garden show. Tammy will create a schedule and share with everyone.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

MacKenzie stated that CORD will be visiting the State House to support Independent Living Centers. This is an all-day event. For anyone who wishes to attend, please contact her.

Mass, Office of Disability is hosting a virtual parking program from 2 to 3. Anyone interested in attending should reach out to Linda.

Patty will be emailing John to resume the discussion of mobi – mats at beaches. Up for consideration are Covell’s and Craigville beaches. A turnaround was also suggested at Keyes Beach.

Sheila Mulcahy stated Rowing to Recovery will have access again at Wequaquet Lake.

Motion to adjourn by Linda McKinney at 12:00 pm, John Lundborn seconded.
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy L. Cunningham