



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission  
Minutes  
March 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, Eileen Elias, Linda McKinney, and Tammy Cunningham, Deputy Director of HR and ADA Coordinator.

**Others Present:**, Peter Burke, Hyannis Fire Chief, and Dr. Robin Lanzi, National Center for Health, Physical Activity, and Disability and University of Alabama.

**Members Excused:** John Lundborn and Inna Podgornaya

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes of February 19, 2025** – Patty Ericson – Taylor moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2025, Linda McKinney seconded. (passed with Sheila Mulcahy abstaining)

**Discussion on Emergency Preparedness w/Peter Burke, Hyannis Fire Chief** – Chief Burke shared information on the various emergency incidents Hyannis Fire Department responds and provides services. He discussed the collaboration occurring between the police department and fire department to ensure that services will be rendered safely. He emphasized that the Fire Department exists to serve the public.

**Discussion with Dr. Robin Lanzi, National Center for Health, Physical Activity, and Disability and University of Alabama** – Dr. Robin Lanzi shared information about NCHPAD and the role that they play in individuals' lives. Patty Ericson – Taylor connected with Dr. Lanzi through this organization while navigating her personal situation. She stated that there is no cost to anyone who reaches out to for support and services. They are funded by the CDC. The organization provides services in health and wellness programs, therapeutic services, and several other specialties.

**Financial Report** - \$42,623.41

**Local Access Issues** –

**Whole Foods Parking lot and concerns with accessible parking** – Paul Logan is awaiting a response from the Developer.

***BJ's parking lot*** – Patty has spoken with Dawn and Justin of BJ's. This item continues to be pending with information shared from BJ's that proposed action will take place this spring.

***Cape Cod Hospital*** – Patty stated she spoke with the Director of Facilities and they will be making the corrective action soon to install a curb cut in the rear crosswalk by the hospital.

***Update on Common Victualers License*** – No update.

***ADA Self – Evaluation & Transition Plan*** – No updates.

***Report from the Posters Subcommittee*** – A draft poster was reviewed at the meeting. It was suggested to add the language of obey the law. Proposed poster locations were also shared. Ideas will be shared with John Lundborn.

***Report from the Scholarships Subcommittee*** – Linda McKinney stated that the new Director of Project Forward, Cre Dorey, will be attending the Disability Commission meeting in August.

***Reports from Mass. AAB Variance Request and Subcommittee DPW Review Subcommittee*** - Paul shared that there is a hearing on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the AAB regarding a variance request for 181 North Street in Hyannis. This building is leased to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for office space.

***BDC Awareness Publicity Project*** – Rotary Home & Garden Show is on April 5th. Invitations were shared with Sight Loss Services.

MacKenzie informed the Commission of an upcoming Fundraiser that COD is hosting. Additional details will be shared with the Commission on sponsorship opportunities.

Lori Gillen will contact Mass Ability requesting attendance at a Commission meeting.

***Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair*** –

Motion to adjourn by MacKenzie Boniauto at 12:03 pm, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Tammy L. Cunningham*