



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes May 21, 2025 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, Sheila Mulcahy, Patty Ericson – Taylor, Inna Podgornaya, Eileen Elias, Lori Gillen, MacKenzie Bonaiuto, Linda McKinney, and Tammy Cunningham, Deputy Director of HR and ADA Coordinator.

Others Present:, Peter Bertling, Economic Development Coordinator, Brian Lacroix, Parking Manager/Transportation Coordinator, and Kim Kupfer, Director of Planning & Development

Members Excused: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes of April 16, 2025 – Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to approve, Patty Ericson – Taylor seconded. Unanimous.

Speaker, Jim Kupfer, Planning & Development – Jim Kupfer introduced himself and provided an update to the BDC on the status of the following items Local Comprehensive Plan, Great Streets project, and the Community Development Block Grants purpose.

Patty Ericson – Taylor commented currently Main Street does not have accessible parking and there is a need to evaluate the sidewalk access. Jim Kupfer stated the first phase will be changing paints and lines. They are taking a more comprehensive look to achieve as much as possible. It was commented that an advocacy voice is needed to be sure accessibility is focused on and included.

A brief discussion was held on the survey tool used and what particular types of questions were asked about accessibility. Jim Kupfer stated he would need to review this item. Elia Elias asked what types of media was used to communicate with citizens about these items. The BDC also suggested increasing the percentage of affordable accessible housing.

The topic of North Street Parking Lot was brought up and needed improvements to this lot. The BDC commented it is a great parking area that could benefit and assist with accessible parking needs in that area and Main Street. Jim Kupfer commented the project is complex as it is owned by multiple entities. He suggested that the BDC send him in

writing specific information about projects they would like to see happen and he will do his best to address them.

Speaker, Eileen Elias, No Place for Hate – Eileen Elias gave a brief description of her background and involvement in No Place for Hate. She stated that No Place for Hate addresses hate and bigotry as two major initiatives. They hold bystander workshops to include going into the schools to talk with the youth. They have held discussions in Barnstable Schools, as well as private schools. No Place for Hate is also holding discussions on immigration issues. The goal is to provide proper language to change the discourse for a different outcome. There is a conversation about immigration being held on zoom on May 27th at 7 pm.

Financial Report - \$44 ,254.14. Paul Logan stated for next months agenda we will discuss how handicap parking funds are to be used.

ADA Day at Long Pasture Wildlife - is being held on July 25th from 10 am to 2 pm. CORD and Spaulding Rehabilitation will be in attendance. Patty Ericson = Taylor will attend and bring a table. Paul Logan is unable to attend. Lori Gillen and MacKenzie Bonaiuto have tents that could be used for coverage at outdoor events.

Local Access Issues –

Cape Cod Hospital – Patty reported that the modifications to the handicap entrance and sidewalk at the rear of the building has been completed.

BJ's parking lot – BJ's has relocated the spaces, but heights of the signs are too high. The situation will be monitored to determine if additional action needs to be taken.

Whole Foods Parking lot and concerns with accessible parking – The developer has made the recommended changes to the parking lot.

Report from the Posters Subcommittee – John Lundborn stated at this time there is nothing new to report. Working on few ideas.

A brief discussion was held on the need for additional, temporary, handicapped parking spots at the High School for Cape Symphony concerts. The BDC will contact Cape Symphony to discuss.

Report from the Scholarships Subcommittee – Linda McKinney stated she has received five names of scholarship recipients: two students from Barnstable High school, two students from Project Forward, and one student from Sturgis High school. Linda McKinney made a motion to approve the award of \$2000 each to the five scholarship recipients from each of the schools, Sheila Mulcahy seconded. Unanimous.

Linda McKinney will send Tammy Cunningham the list of names.

Reports from Mass. AAB Variance Request and Subcommittee DPW Review Subcommittee - Paul Logan stated he follow up on the 181 North Street project.

ADA Self – Evaluation & Transition Plan – None

Update on Common Victualers License – No update.

BDC Awareness Publicity Project –

The Stand Down for Veterans event is being held on October 17th from 9 am to 2:30 pm. John Lundborn will register the BDC for this event.

Lori Gillen stated Unity Day is August 1st and she has already registered the BDC to attend this event.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

Lori Gillen will contact Mass Ability to see if they could have a representative attend the June 18th Disability Commission meeting.

MacKenzie will present a general overview of the organization at the July 16th meeting.

John stated the Disability Law Center could present at a monthly meeting. He will work on and advise the BDC.

Mobi – mats are being placed at Dowses Beach today. Mobi – mat for Kalmus beach will be placed at that location soon.

International Day is being held on July 13th with a rain date of July 19th. Lori Gillen will be the contact for this event.

It was requested that Tammy Cunningham invite Valerie Fletcher to attend a meeting.

MacKenzie Bonaiuto stated CORD is hosting an Emergency Preparedness Event on May 30th from 10 am to 12 pm. Red Cross will be presenting.

Motion to adjourn by Patty Ericson - Taylor at 11:53 am, John Lundborn 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).**