

Barnstable Disability Commission

Minutes

August 20, 2014

Meeting called to order 11:32 a.m.

Members present: Jean Boyle; Pat Andres; Sheila Mulcahy; Merrill Blum; Anne Mazzola; Raye Kaddy

Absent excused: Tammy Cunningham; **Absent unexcused:** Marc Grenier

Others present: Michelle Davies HYCC liaison

Agenda items:

Motion to accept minutes of June 18, 2014 – Jean Boyle; seconded by Pat Andres. Unanimous.

Public Comment: Michelle Davies provided a report of the upgrades to Veteran's Beach.

Office Report: There were 25 messages recorded on the BDC telephone line. Some of these related to those seeking housing information. Commissioners questioned whether or not the calls are being routed to the HR line yet.

Three telephone calls were from Aznia Zink of Mass Office on Disability. His messages relate to a parking fine situation within the Town wherein the town. A licensed driver with an HP placard has contested his/her fine. The Town of Barnstable and MOD have differing interpretations of the MA law with respect to parking fines/locations for those with HP decals/placards. This matter is in the process of being researched by both MOD and the Town. Mr. Zink will inform the BDC of its potential outcome.

Also, a message received from the family of Al Melcher that although ill, Al welcomes greeting cards and telephone calls from members and friends.

Finance Report: No formal report due to absence of treasurer. However, Raye Kaddy received information that 58 HP citations were recorded for May, 2014. (email from Tracy Smith on June 26, 2014)

Discussions:

1. Loop's Beach - After discussion regarding the request from the Loop's Beach group that the BDC be the holder of charitable funds received for the access project, the members processed the following motion:
Merrill Blum motions with all due respect that the BDC decline(s) to act as a fiduciary body for the Loop's Beach funding project. This was seconded by Pat Andres. Unanimous. The commissioners request that the secretary for the BDC send a letter to the Loop's Beach representative indicating this decision.

2. Bouse Houses - Jean Boyle reports that she contacted the company and requested that Bouse Houses at Loop's, Covell and Audubon be cancelled as of September 1, 2014.
3. Dining Guide distribution – no more copies are needed at this time.
4. Cotuit Library – Saturday, 9-27-14 is their Health and Wellness fair. Pat Andres will lead a sub-committee of BDC members to plan for our display at this event. Mickey Davies offers to help with a visual display.
5. Hyannis Library – The BDC has received an invitation to the library's 101st anniversary reception to be held Friday, September 19 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the library location.
6. The police annex - this project has been completed and the BDC is considering that a letter of appreciation be drafted by the commission secretary to be sent to the project overseer.
7. Request for funding - The Director of Community Services for the Town of Barnstable has sent a communication to the BDC in which that Community Services is seeking a grant in the amount of \$5,372 from the BDC. These funds to be used to assist with the purchase of accessories in a new recreational van that is utilized to support special groups with disabilities. After discussion, members of the BDC requested additional information regarding the disability commission's latest finances. The treasurer was unavailable for this meeting, thus no report was given. The matter of the grant request was tabled for the next meeting in September; at which time, the financial report will be available.
8. Recruitment of new members – Members discuss the need to advertise for more members for the disability commission. The conclusions are: Raye Kaddy will notify the HR Office for the Town of Barnstable about this request. Individual members will be seeking out potential new members, also.
9. Slate of Officers: a slate of officers was drafted in anticipation for a September vote. The following names were nominated. Sheila Mulcahy (President; Patricia Andres (Vice President); Tammy Cunningham (Secretary/treasurer).

The meeting adjourned at 1:00. Motion by Pat Andres; seconded by Merrill Blum. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Raye Kaddy for Tammy Cunningham

To: Cunningham, Tammy
Cc: Davies, Michelle
Subject: Disability Commission Agenda Item

Good Afternoon, Tammy -

Might it be possible to place a request for funding on the Disability Commission Agenda Wednesday, August 20th at 11:30 am. We received \$25K in the FY15 to replace one of the Recreation vans. As you may know, these vans provide transportation for our Friday Night Social and Saturday Sunshine programs among others. The van quotes have come in from \$30,372 to \$37,675. We were wondering if the Disability Commission would provide us with a grant of \$5,372. Among the items that would be funded with the additional money is power window and door locks as well as factory molded assist steps which helps us service our disabled clients.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration,
Lynne

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