



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission

Minutes

March 16, 2016

10 a.m.

Barnstable Senior Center
Falmouth Rd Hyannis, MA 02601

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

Members present: Sheila Mulcahy, Chair; Merrill Blum; Jessica Sylver; Paul Logan; Anne Mazzola; and Tammy Cunningham.

Excused: Pat Andres and Paula Breagy

Miscellaneous:

A complaint was received concerning a condominium complex and the lack of handicap parking spaces. On the advice of Jeff Dougan of MOD, the complaint was referred to the advocacy agency of MOD.

Centerville Plaza, a survey revealed not enough handicap parking spaces are provided in this parking lot. A letter was sent to the property owner, Brian Dacey, along with a copy of the AAB regulations.

Centerville Post Office had snow plowed into the handicap parking spots making them unable to be used. A letter and copy of the AAB regulations was sent to John T. Callahan, owner of the property.

Review of minutes of January 20, 2016 – Paul Logan moved to approve, Jessica Sylver seconded. Unanimous.

Office Report:

Paul Logan stated he attempted to visit the building about a month ago, however, the building was locked.

Finance Report:

Current finance report is \$59,210.23.

A discussion was then held on ways in which the funds could be used to further access within the Town of Barnstable.

Town Council Liaison:

Town Councilor Paul Hebert has brought to the Commission's attention that he is unable to make the meetings. Sheila was going to contact President Rapp Grasetti to ask that another Town Council liaison be appointed.

Audubon has contacted the Town Council concerning funding an accessible portable toilet for this year. Anne Mazzola will contact Audubon to discuss the request and report back.

Scholarships:

Paul Logan made a motion to approve five \$1000 scholarships be awarded to the following schools; (2) Project Forward at Cape Cod Community College; (1) Sturgis East; (1) Sturgis West; and (1) Barnstable High School, Jessica Sylver seconded. Unanimous.

Anne Mazzola and Merrill Blum will oversee the communication with the schools.

Sight Loss Services: Sheila Mulcahy will contact Cynthia Stead to ask for a report on the use of funds that the BDC had gifted in the past and, to identify if there is still a need within the organization for assistance.

Collaboration: Paul Logan will contact Dan Santos, DPW Director, to discuss if there are town projects relating to access that are in need of funding.

Tammy Cunningham will contact David Kanyock to ask if he would like to attend a meeting to discuss school facilities.

Access Surveys: Paul Logan stated the Craigville Beach Inn in Centerville has no handicap parking spaces.

Pat Andres and Anne Mazzola will survey a few stores in Hyannis. Sheila Mulcahy will survey the Cape Cod Community College library.

It was suggested that members take a task per month and report back with a goal.

Anne Mazzola will conduct a survey of Long Pasture.

Portable Toilets: Merrill Blum will contact Nauset Disposal and United Services for pricing.

Common Victualer's License – A short update was provided on the status of this initiative. Next licensing board meeting will be held on March 21st.

Paul Logan made a motion to adjourn at 11:29 a.m., Jessica Sylver seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

**The mission 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)**