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## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
January 16, 2019
Hyannis Youth & Community Center
141 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

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

*Members present:* Sabrina Kane, Chair; Paul Logan; Steve Spillane; Marc Brunco; Tammy Cunningham and Sarah Nicholson.

Members Excused: Sheila Mulcahy; Paula Breagy; Denis Briand; and Linda McKinney.

**Guests:** Alison Carol; Mona Solmonte, Parking & Enforcement Manager; Jan LaCase; and Justin LaCase.

Approval of the minutes of November 14, 2018 – Paul Logan moved to approve, Sarah Nicholson seconded.

*Approval of the minutes of December 12, 2018* – Paul Logan moved to approve, as amended, Sarah Nicholson seconded.

Report from Mona Solmonte regarding adding the amount of the fine to Barnstable Handicap Signage - Mona Solmonte stated violations are running high concerning the parking in cross hatch areas. Parking enforcement is doing a lot of education on this matter.

Mona added that the \$2000 had been approved to buy the fine placards and add them to the handicap parking signs. There are 157 signs on town property. The sign total is \$587 and the remainder will be spent on the overtime hours to hang the signs. It was suggested that the sign height be modified now while the placards are being installed instead of approaching the project in two steps. It was also recommended that inventory of the signs be taken at the same time. 193 signs, installation is a priority, but postponed due to weather; will be adjusting the height to be between 5 - 8 feet; on street parking will be the higher height.

**Posters Sub-committee** – Alison Caron attended the meeting to talk about her approach with the design of the first poster on raising awareness on disabilities. Much discussion was held on the look of the character, tag lines, addition of a QR code. After much discussion, Alison stated she would take the feedback to come up with an update on poster design.

Sarah Nicholson stated she was going to contact Maddie Noonan about surveying the population.

**Dining Guide** – Sabrina Kane stated a list has gone out to BID members. Currently, they are waiting for Linda to return from her trip to begin reassessing how best to address.

## Scholarship Committee – No report

**DPW Project Reviewer Sub Committee** – Sabrina Kane will email Dan Santos to get an update on the status of this matter and to remind DPW of their availability to assist with projects.

Sabrina Kane will also email Brian Florence.

Architectural Access Board Variance Request Sub Committee – Paul Logan stated he would like the Barnstable Disability Commission to file two complaints with the AAB. The first complaint is against The West End for having no van access aisle. Second complaint is with Silva & Silva for no handicap parking signage in the parking lot. Paul Logan has contacted both businesses multiple times, but they have yet to correct.

There was discussion on whether the sub-committee has the ability to file a complaint on behalf of the full commission. Tammy Cunningham stated before the Commission makes a formal complaint with the AAB she needs to first advise the Town and discuss the appropriate course of action.

Paul Logan stated he has personally spoken with two businesses relating to no handicap seating in the bar area. One establishment has closed for renovations and the other has made a correction.

Amendments to By - Laws - Tabled to next month

**Radio Interview** – Those who attended the radio interview stated the interview was a total of 20 minutes in length. The discussion was on town projects and gaining access on buildings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham