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BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Paul Logan Linda McKinney Stephen Spillane

Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes May 20, 2020 Via Zoom from 10 to 12 pm

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Members present: Sheila Mulcahy, Vice Chair; Linda McKinney; Chris Bartley; Stephen Spillane (joined late); and Paul Logan.

Guests presents: Paul Hebert, Town Council President & Liaison to BDC; and Tammy Cunningham, Staff Liasion.

Approval of the minutes of February 19, 2020 – Paul Logan moved to approve, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

Public Comment – Council President Hebert informed the BDC on the status of Barnstable and the COVID - 19 pandemic.

Financial Report – Tammy Cunningham provided the current status to the financials. Commissioners asked Tammy to check on the status of the ramp to be built at Dowses Beach.

Scholarships – Linda McKinney provided the names of the scholarship recipients from Cape Cod Tech and Project Forward. She commented that she had not received scholarship information from Sturgis Charter School or Barnstable High School Linda mentioned she would contact both schools to check on the status.

Unfortunately, a scholarship recipient put forward by Cape Cod Tech is not a Barnstable resident which is one of the requirements within the scholarship criteria. The BDC discussed and asked Linda to follow up with Cape Cod Tech to discuss with them and put forward a new recipient.

Final review and discussion on proposed amendments to the Barnstable Disability Commission By – Laws – Paul Logan moved to approve with a new copy to be provided electronically, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

Election of a Chair and to the Barnstable Disability Commission — Paul Logan moved a motion to nominate Sheila Mulcahy as the Chair of the Barnstable Disability Commission for this meeting and the next with a final vote to come during the June meeting, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous. Sheila Mulcahy moved to nominate Paul Logan, Chris Bartley seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion on St. George Greek Orthodox Church – The St. George Orthodox Church is used as polling location for Barnstable. Currently, there is no permanent handicap parking signage. This

item was reviewed and addressed during the site visit of polling locations about 3 years ago. Paul Logan has reached out to Ann Quirk, Town Clerk, to discuss. He commented that St. George's Church does not charge the Town for its usage. Paul Logan moved to approve \$1000 for the creation and placement of handicap parking signs at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, Steve Spillane seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion on status of Sturgis West High School – The BDC members and Council President Hebert discussed different strategies to be considered in addressing students parking illegally in the HP spots in the Melody Tent overflow parking lot. This matter had been brought to the Vice Principal with Sturgis West with no response or action taken to date. After much discussion it was determined a letter would be drafted for sending to the Sturgis West Charter School Administration.

Report from the Architectural Access Board Variance Request Subcommittee – Paul Logan stated there was no update to the disposition on the Kettle Ho.

Report from the Department of Public Works Project Review Subcommittee – Craigville Beach East – Paul Logan informed the Commissioners that he had met the Town Engineer and Highway at the location. He thanked Mike Perry for making this happen. He discussed the parking layout and the increase of the width of the access aisles.

Welcome to new Commissioner – The BDC welcomed Chris as a new member to the BDC. Chris introduced himself and commented he was looking forward to being part of the BDC. He served on the Youth Commission and was interested in continuing to serve. His interests and passions focus in the areas of mental health.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair -

Sheila Mulcahy commented she would like the Town to be know that BDC members are available to help as the Town moves towards reopening.

Paul Logan stated he was going to work with Mona Solmonte in obtaining the number of handicap parking placards and plates in the Town of Barnstable. Council President added that additional information can be provided by the Town Clerk concerning the population by village.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cumingham

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)