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BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Linda McKinney Sheila Mulcahy Eileen Elias Inna Podgornaya

Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes August 21, 2024 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, Patty Ericson – Taylor, Eileen Elias, Inna Podgornaya, Sheila Mulcay, Linda McKinney, and Tammy Cunningham, Assistant Director of HR and ADA Coordinator.

Others Present: MacKenzie Bonaiuto

Members Excused: Lori Gillen

Public Comment: Sheila Mulcahy provided an update on Rowing to Recovery. The group was rowing at Wequaquet Lake, but were told to not return. Eileen Elias state she would work with Sheila on the matter. Sheila shared that the response from the Town and allowance to allow a private group to row a there and not allow theirs is discriminatory. It is a town lake and is public property.

John Lundborn stated the Veterans Stand Down is being held at the Resort & Conference Center on September 27th from 9 to 3. The Barnstable Disability Commission will be attending. Patti and Inna volunteered to attend.

Minutes of July 17, 2024 – Patti Ericson – Taylor moved to approve, John Lundborn seconded. Approved 6 Ayes to 2 Abstain (Linda McKinney and Sheila Mulcahy)

Financial Report – Currently the balance is \$45,268.80.

Update on Common Victualler's License Ordinance — No update. Tammy Cunningham will follow up with an email to Valerie Fletcher of IHCD.

ADA Self Evaluation & Transition plan – Patty Ericson – Taylor commented on the Town of Dennis having an electric beach chair. She will do some research on the chair and send information to Paul Logan.

Elections - The proposed slate is Paul Logan, Chair, and John Lundborn, Vice Chair. Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to approve the slate of officers of Paul Logan as Chair and John Lundborn as Vice Chair of the Barnstable Disability Commission, Patty Ericson – Taylor seconded. Unanimous.

Report from Posters Subcommittee – John Lunborn stated he is still working on. It was suggested the next poster be geared towards children and educating our youth on disabilities. It was also suggested to do outreach in the schools on the topic.

Report from Scholarships Sub Committee - No Update.

Long Pasture All Persons Trail Update – Ceremony of the opening of the trail is September 19th Paul Logan and Patti Ericson – Taylor worked with Ian Ives to walk the trail and provide feedback.

Reports from Mass. AAB Variance Request subcommittee/DPW Review Subcommittee – No report.

BDC Awareness Publicity Project (CCRTA Event/Fairs/Shows) -

Paul Logan stated Safety Day is being held at the Adult Community Center on 9/25.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair -

Tammy Cunningham informed the Commissioners about a complaint brought forward concerning the Wianno Club not having enough handicap accessible spots. Paul Logan has visited the property and will reach out to the Wianno Club to discuss.

A brief discussion was held on the need to continue the work at the beaches to make them more accessible. Praise was given to John Gleason, Recreation Director, for his responsiveness and swift action to resolve. The work of Patty Ericson – Taylor on this matter was also praised.

A discussion was brought up about the encroachment of items into the accessible route on Main Street in Hyannis. Of discussion were Katies Burger and Colombo's.

A discussion was held on the continued complaints of BJ's placement of handicap parking spaces since the addition to the building.

Tammy Cunningham informed the group about the Digital Equity Committee and her being on this committee. Inna Podgornaya expressed interest in being part of this group if the opportunity allows. Patty Ericson – Taylor expressed an interest in being part of the Age & Dementia Friendly Steering Committee.

Motion to adjourn by Sheila Mulcahy at 11:55 am, Patty Ericson – Taylor seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham