



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes February 18, 2026 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, Sheila Mulcahy, MacKenzie Bonaiuto, Inna Podgornaya, Eileen Elias, Linda McKinney, and Tammy Cunningham, Deputy Director of HR and ADA Coordinator.

Others Present: John Gleason, Director of Recreation, and Brian LaCroix, Transportation/Parking Manager

Members Excused: Lori Gillen

Public Comment: None

Minutes of January 21, 2026 – Sheila Mulcahy moved to approve, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

Barnstable beach sticker accessibility – John Gleason, Director of Recreation, discussed the beach sticker options available to individuals with a disability. There are two options available to residents, both at a reduced rate of \$25. One option is available to a resident with a disability who owns a vehicle with a valid registration and the second option is a card that is provided to an individual with a disability who does not drive. The card has a photograph of the individual. The second option requires the individual to be present with the card to access the beach. The accompanying driver's vehicle does not need to have a beach sticker. John Gleason stated they sell about ten cards per year.

John Gleason said beach sticker information is listed on the website.

Speaker – BirdAbility - Michele Burnet of BirdAbility presented information about BirdAbility and resources available. She discussed an available site review checklist of different properties. She stated there are currently 3 to 4 properties in Barnstable they have mapped with more in the works. They partner with organizations such as Mass Audubon, Cape Abilities, and Community Connections. They are always open to doing new assessments for trails.

It was mentioned that located behind the Barnstable Land Trust there is a trail with a bird stand, however, it is not accessible. It was suggested a ramp be added.

Financial Report/Strategy for Grants – Current balance is \$31,055.06

Local Access Issues –

BJ's did not respond to Mass. Architectural Board within the amount of time. They have been served a second notice.

Riverview School has purchased the Irish Village in Hyannis. They have submitted a variance to the AAB for relief on the items of handrails and elevator. Paul Logan stated given the nature of their business and clientele, he does not agree with the request for relief from the elevator. The total cost of the renovations is \$11 to \$14 million.

Eileen Elias suggested having Riverview attend a meeting to speak about their organization.

Paul Logan mentioned he had brought up a few months ago that Heritage Hotel and Comfort Inn accessible parking spaces are not legal. Both hotels underwent extensive renovations recently. The Commission expressed frustration on the lack of response and enforcement in the area of accessibility with the Building Commissioner.

Eileen suggested having leadership attend the meeting to discuss this subject and to hold individuals accountable.

Report from the Posters Subcommittee – Nothing to report.

Report from the Scholarships Subcommittee – Will not receive an update until May.

BDC Awareness Publicity (Events/Fairs/Shows) -

A discussion was held on events the BDC should attend to raise awareness. Civic organizations were suggested.

Patty Ericson – Taylor will be speaking at Country Garden on the subject of adaptive gardening.

Two speakers will be in attendance for the April meeting. Dawn from Elder Services will be attending the meeting in June.

Tammy and John will connect to share contact information from MassAbility.

Revising do's and don'ts flyer – All set.

ADA Self – Evaluation and Transition Plan update – No update.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

Next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2026.

Motion to adjourn by John Lundborn 11:58 am, Sheila Mulcahy seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

**Objective 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).**