



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes June 17, 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, MacKenzie Bonaiuto, Patty Ericson – Taylor, Sheila Mulcahy, Lori Gillen, Eileen Elias, Inna Podgornaya, Linda McKinney, and Chris Bartley (joined the meeting at 10:45 am)

Others Present: Charlie Bloom, Town Councilor and Liaison to the Disability Commission, Dr. Steven Waller, and Brian LaCroix, Parking and Transportation Manager.

Members Excused: Jacob Fellows and Tammy Cunningham, ADA Coordinator and Deputy Director of HR.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes of May 20, 2026 – Inna Podgornaya moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2026, Lori Gillen seconded. Unanimous.

Speaker – No speaker for this meeting.

Financial Report/Strategy for Grants – Current balance is \$35,507.00.

Nominations for Annual Elections in July (Chair and Vice Chair) –

John Lundborn made a motion to nominate Paul Logan, Chair, and Patty Ericson – Taylor as the Vice Chair. MacKenzie Bonaiuto seconded the nomination. Unanimous.

Patty Ericson – Taylor agreed to serve should she be elected.

Local Access Issues –

(Lamberts/North Street Parking Lot/ Daily Paper/Other) – Linda McKinney has been working with the property owner of Lambert's about adding signage to their accessible space. It is the opinion of the commission that the total number of spaces requires two accessible spaces.

John Lundborn discussed a situation he encountered at Barnstable High School concerning the process when entering the location and the property being inaccessible.

Eileen Elias commented on Town Hall and it not being clear on where the accessible entrance is located. Paul Logan suggested Eileen Elias contact Dan Santos, DPW Director, to bring to his attention.

North Street Parking Lot – This lot is still being addressed. Hopefully, it will be addressed soon through a community forum.

Daily Paper – No update.

Star Market, West Main Street – MacKenzie Bonaiuto commented there is an accessible spot with no signage and no clear symbol on the pavement. Need to find out how many spaces they have to determine the number required for accessible spaces.

A brief discussion was held on an employee accessible parking space issue at Whole Foods. It is uncertain whether there are any accessible parking spaces in the rear of the building.

A brief discussion was held on Spanky's restaurant in Hyannis. Given the location of a space reserved for a compact car, when a car occupies the space, an individual cannot get down the sidewalk. Brian LaCroix stated they are aware that the sidewalk is blocked when the space is in use. Brian stated he can address the issue when it is seen, however, he cannot ask the establishment to change the use of the space. He advised Brian Florence may address or the restaurant should make the change. Paul Logan suggested Patty Ericson – Taylor contact Brian Florence to address. Brian stated if no one is present in the car and the sidewalk is blocked; a ticket can be issued. It was commented that this has been ongoing issue for a few years. When the sidewalk is blocked by a car, it creates a dangerous situation causing individuals in wheelchairs, on bikes, strollers, etc. to go off the sidewalk and walk in the road.

There was a brief discussion held on making beaches accessible. Patty Ericson – Taylor advised that John Gleason shared that this year they decided to get mobile walkers for the beaches instead of putting in mobi – mats. Paul Logan suggested Patty reach out to John Gleason. Patty Ericson – Taylor stated she has done a lot of research on mobi – mats and the budget has been allocated already. It was determined that the Commission should not wait until next year to address accessibility at the beaches. Patty Ericson – Taylor made a motion to approve \$ 10,000 be used for the purchasing of mobi – mats to improve accessibility at Veteran's, Covell's, and Craigville beaches, Chris Bartley seconded. Unanimous. It was suggested Patty Ericson – Taylor talk with John Gleason on how the lifeguards are trained to work with individuals with a disability. It was suggested that a press release be generated once the mats are purchased.

Eileen Elias suggested speaking with the Rotary Club to educate businesses on accessibility to present on the issues that we are talking about. Paul Logan stated he will reach out to the Rotary Club and Hyannis Business Improvement District.

Millway Beach – There are two accessible parking spaces, and it is not advisable to move the location of the existing accessible parking spaces.

Chris Bartley stated he heard commentary from a few Town Councilors commenting on the great work that Patty Ericson – Taylor is doing. Councilor Betty Ludke's name was

referenced. Town Councilor Charlie Bloom commented he would like to add his name to the list and gave thanks to Patty Ericson – Taylor.

99 Wilkens Lane – This location is an apartment building complex. Topic was deferred until the next meeting when Jacob Fellows is present.

Report from Posters Sub Committee – John Lundborn commented no new posters are currently being drawn. It was suggested to use a different type of medium to reach young audiences.

Report from the Scholarships Subcommittee – Linda McKinney has received a scholarship recipient name from Cape Cod Tech. The student's name is Justin Solgovic. Linda McKinney made a motion to award Justin Solgovic a scholarship in the amount of \$2000, Sheila Mulcahy seconded. Unanimous.

BDC Awareness Publicity (Events/Fairs/Shows) - A brief discussion was held on updates to Unity Day and if the Barnstable Disability Commission would like to attend. Stand Down For Veteran's event is being held on October 2, 2026. It has been moved to the Margaritaville Hotel. ADA Day at Long Pasture is being held on July 29th from 4 to 7 pm

Mass Office of Disability meeting on October 8, 2026 - John Lundborn stated he will be available to participate.

Mass. AAB Variance Request Subcommittee/DPW Sub Committee –181 North Street in Hyannis has complied with all items that are part of the complaint.

ADA Coordinator – No update.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

Next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2026.

Motion to adjourn by Sheila Mulcahy 11:59 am, Patty Ericson - Taylor seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy L. Cunningham