



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes August 19, 2026 via Zoom from 10 am to 12 pm

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

Members present: Paul Logan; Chair, Patty Ericson – Taylor, Vice Chair, Lori Gillen, Sheila Mulcahy, Chris Bartley, Inna Podgornaya, and Linda McKinney.

Others Present: Charlie Bloom, Town Councilor, Tammy Cunningham, ADA Coordinator and Deputy Director of HR, Cristalyn Sears, Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), Brian Bosse, General Foreman of Structures & Grounds, and Brian LaCroix, Parking & Transportation Manager.

Members Excused: MacKenzie Bonaiuto, Eileen Elias, and Jacob Fellows.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes of July 15, 2026 – Linda McKinney moved to approve as amended, Patty Ericson Taylor seconded. Passed (1 abstain)

Patrick Kelliher, Structures & Grounds, Division of Public Works – Brian Bosse, General Foreman of Structures & Grounds, attended the meeting to discuss repairs to the brick walkway located on the Village Green. A complaint had been filed regarding the disrepairs and uneven bricks causing safety related issues on the walkway located near the Hyannis Chief statue located at the top of Main Street. Two quotes were secured to repair the bricks. For the more noticeable and immediate disrepairs a quote of \$9000 was received. To repair the larger area a quote was received of \$50,000. Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to grant \$4500 to Structures & Grounds to repair the brick walkway to improve safety and accessibility, Chris Bartley seconded. Unanimous. At this time, Structures & Grounds will do the immediate repairs in the amount of \$9000.

Cape Cod Regional Transportation Transit Authority, Cristalyn Sears – Cristalyn Sears, Travel Trainer – Cristalyn discussed the various types of transportation available through CCRTA which are free fixed route buses which can be flagged down, Dial A Ride where a ride can be scheduled, and Smart DART which is an application-based order ride app. working similar to ordering an Uber or Lyft. For Dial a Ride the cost is \$3 for adults and youth, and \$1.50 for individuals with a disability or over the age of 60. All drivers are ADA trained. Monday through Thursday there is a bus that visits Boston hospitals for \$30 round trip and \$15 one way. An individual must call at least the day before.

Financial Report/Funding Requests/Allocations – Current balance is \$26,959.58

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Local Access Issues –

Lamberts – The signage at Lambert’s has not been installed yet.

North Street Parking Lot – There is a delay on this matter.

Site Plan Review – Patty Ericson – Taylor shared that there is a new restaurant going in where IHOP was located and there may not be enough curb cuts. The matter is being looked into with the Developer.

It was discussed having the Barnstable Disability Commission meetings added to Enews.

99 Wilkens Lane – This matter is still being addressed.

KKatie’s Burger Bar – Through discussion it was requested that Erin Logan, Licensing Director, be asked to attend the October meeting prior to outside dining season for next year.

Report from Posters Sub Committee – John Lundborn stated he is working on engaging students to assist in the development of the posters. More information will be shared later.

Report from the Scholarships Subcommittee – Nothing new to report.

BDC Awareness Publicity (Events/Fairs/Shows) -

Barnstable Safety Day is scheduled for September 22, 2026, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Barnstable Adult Community Center. Patty and Linda will attend in the morning. Lori volunteered to also attend. Chris can be available the entire time. The Veteran’s Event is being held at Margaritaville from 9:30 to 2:30 on October 2nd. It was suggested having Sight Loss Services brochure.

Unity Day – Lori stated she attended this event. In the future she would advise not attending this event, as it does not generate a lot of awareness for the BDC.

Mass Office of Disability meeting on October 8, 2026 – A reminder there will be a Statewide Disability Commission meeting held on October 8th. Everyone on the Commission is invited to attend.

It was asked that Tammy Cunningham please check on the status of the vestibule work at BHS and the improvements to access.

ADA Coordinator – Tammy Cunningham provided an update on the upcoming replacement of the elevator at Town Hall. The work is scheduled to begin September 8, 2026 and will end around the end of December.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

Sandwich Disability Commission is asking the BDC to consider sending a letter to William Galvin, Secretary of State, on the Automart Voting Machines and the difficulty in using this machine for individuals with disabilities. This has been asked of all Commissions on Disabilities.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Motion to adjourn by Patty Ericson Taylor at 11:49 pm, Linda McKinney 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).**