



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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**January 20, 2010**  
**Barnstable Senior Center**  
**12:00 - 2:00**  
**Agenda**

- ❖ Call to order
- ❖ Public Comment
- ❖ Review minutes of November 18, 2009 & December 16, 2009 Motion
- ❖ Finance Report
- ❖ New Business – CDBG representative & Town Liaison Discussion  
2009 Advisory from BDC; re: ACCESS
- ❖ Scholarship Motion  
Old Business
- Goals and Objectives 2009 Revise
- Calendar for BDC meeting 2010 Discuss &  
Motion
- Adjourn Motion

Objectives are defeated if not repeated. (Frank Maioli)

Please, call or e-mail no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month with requests for items to be placed on that month's agenda.

**Office address – J. F. Kennedy Museum, Hyannis, MA 02601**

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Barnstable Disability Commission

ADVISORY Re: Accessibility Projects

December 2009 ~~ Recommendations

1. (K) Apply Universal Design (visitability model) to the degree possible, to all future building projects. This model consists of one entrance with no steps; grab bars, use of levers vs. knobs and other basic requirements that make for more accessibility for those with disabilities. Cost estimates for this type design are minimal from the onset; figures are available through the state handbook on disability projects or via the BDC office.

Use the AAB (Architectural Access Board) checklist of building requirements and other recommended options. (Info on this topic is available through the BDC commission.)

2. (A) When building permits are issued initially, pass out a list of ADA requirements along with the permit(s). Example: Chelmsford and other towns tie-in the ADA requirements with the issuance of common victualer license. Many other towns have samples of their procedures which we could use as models if this route were chosen..
3. (K/A) Do build in access ---initially--- when projects are in the first stage; the costs to retro-fit are much higher than upfront costs.
4. (A/K) If interested, Contact 617-727-7440 (Jeff Duggan) for a copy of Tax Breaks for accessibility for Private Businesses.....up to \$10,000 tax incentive.
5. (K / A / C) Prepare a *Disability Compliant Handbook* to hand out to new/old businesses. (e.g. proper parking, van space, signage, other info pertaining to visitability and universal design et.al). Other towns and cities in Massaxchusetts have crystallized the ADA requirements into a small pamphlet which can be easily understood by those engaged in building, remodeling et.al.
6. (K) Provide seed money to businesses to improve access: What can businesses do in stages to bring themselves into compliance? For example: the business could examine, survey, prepare a framework and cost estimates in applying for grants.

7. (K) Complete all access projects that are listed on the beach surveys which are completed each year by the Barnstable Disability Survey Committee. ( e.g. Covell's continues to be a non- accessible beach .) The surveys completed of the buildings and beaches for the year 2009 have been summarized. This summary information with specific recommendations is available through the commission and other town departments.
8. (A) Check the two municipal ( public) golf courses for access needs.
9. (K/A) Continue to survey the voting polls to determine whether or not further accessibility upgrades are needed? Provide accessible voting machines and polls (e.g. visually impaired; hearing impaired; physical access; accommodations for voting machines such as height etc. )
10. (K) Build accessible playground facilities similar to Luke's Love in West Barnstable. Recommended is that the location of potential handicap accessible playground(s) be closer to Hyannis, possibly next to the Town Recreation building.
11. (A) Maintain and review yearly the use of proper signage, handicap parking lines etc.
12. (A) Continue to develop Emergency Preparedness for those with Disabilities.
13. (A/K) The JFK Museum needs an upgrade for access on the side door of the building.

Thank you for taking these advisories under consideration. It is our goal to continue to provide recommendations and information that will lead to more and better access for residents and those who visit the Town of Barnstable.

K = Kathleen G.

A= Ann C.

C= Commission

*Laye Kaddy chair*

## **DISABILITY COMMISSIONS**

### **Massachusetts Disability Commissions**

#### **G.L. c. 40, § 8J and 22G**

A city or town, which accepts the provisions of this Section, is authorized to establish a Disability Commission. Commissions work with the Office on Disability to carry out programs and activities designed to integrate people with disabilities into the community. The specific activities of a Commission depend on the needs of the disabled community in the particular city or town. Commissions consist of five to nine members, and are appointed by the mayor or city manager in cities or by the selectmen or town manager in towns. The majority of members must be disabled, and one must be an immediate family member of a disabled person. One member of the Commission must be an elected or appointed official of the city or town. Members are initially appointed in staggered one, two and three year terms. A Commission must have at least six meetings per year, keep records of its meetings and actions, and file an annual report. Commissions generally are authorized to receive gifts and other funds, under Section 8J. For the benefit of persons with disabilities, cities and towns which have chosen to implement a Handicapped Parking Program may empower Commissions to receive and administer fines from violations of the Handicapped Parking Law, under Section 22G. The details of these funding decisions are left to the collaborative efforts of officials in the local communities. For more information, contact the Massachusetts Office on Disability.

**NOTE:** The fines for handicapped parking violations were substantially increased at the very end of the 2000 legislative session. See pages 9 - 12, for more information on the Plate / Placard and Parking Laws.

**Web:** <http://mass.gov/mod/MunicipalCommissionList.html>

From: Disability Rights laws  
in Massachusetts

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