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**Barnstable Disability Commission
Town Hall
Selectman's Conference Room
367 Main Street
Hyannis, MA 02601**

MINUTES **MEETING HELD April 18, 2007**

In attendance: Linda Cook; Susan Bethel; Frank Maioli; Al Melcher; Paul Nevosh; Tammy Cunningham; Jean Boyle

Absent: Raye Kaddy; Bill Cole

Also present: Kathleen Girouard, Grant Coordinator; Steve Sundelin, Director of Structures and Grounds; Bud Breault, Assistant to DPW Director; Jim Burke

Meeting called to order by chair @ 12:07 PM. Motion to accept minutes of March 21, 2007 made by Al Melcher; seconded Paul Nevosh, Unanimous

Treasurer's Report

Balance \$57,034.00 (\$4000 encumbered for 2007 scholarships). Motion to accept made by Jean Boyle; seconded Linda Cook; Unanimous.

Scholarship Report

Linda Cook reported that all of the schools have been notified of correct procedures and they will send us the names of the recipients and their choice of college. The information about the recipients will be sent to the newspapers and the Barnstable Town News Letter for publication.

Activities

N/A

Other

Francis Maioli reported about two events that are occurring Saturday, April 28th. Family Emergency Education Day at the Cape Cod Community College from 8:00 to 3:00, and the annual West Barnstable Spaghetti Supper at the W. B. Fire Station from 5:00 to 8:00. He asked for volunteers for both events.

Chairperson's Report

Al Melcher led discussion about the ADA grants. The questions posed to Bud Breault, Steve Sundelin, and Kathleen Girouard were: Where the money was going and how was it decided who would receive this money? It was mentioned that the grants have to be applied for and that there is a lengthy approval process that involves many departments and personnel. It was suggested that there should be further research and study so that the Town of Barnstable Disability Commission is included in the information loop. It was pointed out that the mandate of Commission is to monitor the Town of Barnstable's compliance with the ADA regulations which are now Federal Law. Several examples of submitted ADA issues that have not been done were discussed. Since there is no ADA component to the budget for buildings and grounds, it was recommended that this budget item should be included in future budget planning.

Bud Breault requested a purchase order from the commission in the amount of \$5000 which would enable him to pay people to research our ADA requests. Paul Nevosh made a motion that the BDC authorize \$5000 for the Dept of Public Works to be used as negotiated. Seconded by Frank Maioli; Unanimous.

NOTE: After review of the minutes, the commission wants to restate our position to read: "Up to \$5000 for materials". Research money for town employees who are paid by the Town for such purpose are not included on the BDC support of ADA projects. This will be addressed at the May meeting of the BDC.

Other

Jim Burke brought up some areas of concern relating to access. Among them were the Marstons Mills Airport, the Hyannis Transportation Center and the Steamship Authority slips. A discussion followed.

Motion to adjourn by Al Melcher at 1:37; seconded Paul Nevosh; Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Raye Kaddy