



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES MAY 21, 2008

Attendees: Linda Cook, Jim Berks, Jean Boyle, Al Melcher, Raye Kaddy, Frank Maioli

Absent: Paul Nevosh, Bill Cole Other(s) Tom Lynch

Meeting called to order at 12:05

Report: Tom Lynch informed the commissioners that one goal of the town is to improve communication with citizenry. For example, @ 5:30 on Channel 18 there will be a webcast on internet highlighting town news from the 44 boards and commissions that exist within the town. If BDC wants a topic covered with advance notice, can be done. Also Mr. Lynch mentioned numerous projects related to access and accessibility for town citizen's and visitors. The Local Comprehensive Plan now includes "visibility" factor such as making developers more aware of ADA/AAB regulations and requirements such as wider doorways etc.

The Shriver family (Foundation for Best Buddies) purchased property across from Craigville Beach for use with/by individuals with disabilities. Surveys show ARTS and CULTURE are the primary responses given when citizens are asked to rank items. The town is planning to produce educational videos across all departments in the future to educate people about the town and access issues. Mr. Lynch is working with all staff to raise awareness and compliance. e.g. to improve signage in the town

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting: Raye Kaddy; seconded by Jean Boyle; correction; The community block grant will not be the source of funding for 2 surf chairs. The BDC voted to provide the \$2000 at past meeting. Seconded by Linda Cook with correction. Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer stressed the need to monitor the finances

Activities: N/A

Scholarship: The town has approved the draft of the brochure of the BDC. Linda Cook will contact CCTech regarding printing. Awarded scholarship to BHS and Sturgis students have been given for 2008.

Office Report: Al Melcher distributed a sheet of information regarding HP scanners which could be used as a source for a new office scanner. This is needed to scan all of the information that is currently stored in the files of the BDC Office,

Motion to pursue purchase of office scanner: Jean Boyle

Seconded: Frank Maioli

Unanimous

Surveys: Linda Cook, Raye Kaddy and Jean Boyle to survey Sturgis Charter Public School in late June of this year.

The chairman handed out copies of a memo from Robert Smith, former town attorney concerning expansion of the fishing deck.

Motion to adjourn @ 1:24: Jean Boyle; seconded Raye Kaddy; Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Raye Kaddy