



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES September 17, 2008

Attendees: Susan Bethel, Al Melcher, Linda Cook, Frank Maioli, Bill Cole

Absent: Jim Berks, Jean Boyle, Raye Kaddy, Paul Nevosh, Coreen Brinckerhoff

Other(s) Dick Andres, Cathy Taylor

Meeting called to order at 12:15

Motion to accept minutes of the July 16, 2008 meeting: motion by Linda Cook, seconded by Susan Bethel, Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer stressed the need to monitor the finances. As of August, 2008, there are 292 . Discussion ensued regarding the data on the income statement. Noted was the fact that information for the period of time March through June 2008 is not available. \$30,799 in unaccounted for given the number of tickets issued. It was reported to the Board that according to Regulatory Services, the Town's collection rate is above the State average.

Scholarship: Linda Cook reported that all the scholarships were issued. The Commission thanked Linda for all of her hard work in the scholarship.

Office Report: Al informed the commission that the scanner purchase was moving forward. It was also reported that Assistant Town Manager Tom Lynch is working with the BDC and the local business community to develop an accessibility survey and rating system.

New business: Bill Cole raised concern over the letter that was sent to the new Board member from the Chairman. He was wondering if it reflected the will of the Commission

and was it approved by a vote. It was noted that a vote did not take place and at least one other Commissioner did not agree with the letter. Bill reminded the Commission that they do not have the authority to interview or select commissioners and that responsibility is the purview of the Town Council.

Linda Cook requested an additional 100 BDC brochures for distribution.

Frank Maioli showed the Commission a sample case that will be used to distribute information concerning disaster preparedness. It was also noted that Frank and Paul Nevosh appeared on the "Barnstable Today" television program to promote the BDC efforts to spread the word about this important issue.

Motion to adjourn @ 12:55 P.M. by Linda Cook, seconded by Susan Bethel; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Cole