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MINUTES
April 21, 2010

ATTENDEES: Jean Boyle, Raye Kaddy, Al Melcher; Jim Berks, Bill Cole, Linda Cook, and Paul Nevosh

Meeting called to order at 12:10 P.M.

Public Comment – None

Minutes of 3/17/10: Jean Boyle made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2010, Al Melcher seconded the motion. The Commission VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes.

Report of the Chair: Raye Kaddy informed the Commission that both Sue Bethel and Frank Maoili will be resigning their positions. She is looking for two volunteers to help her developing criteria to be used in the replacement process.

Jeff Dugan from the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) has requested a meeting with the Commission to discuss our operations and interaction with his office. It was decided that the June meeting would be moved to June 15th to accommodate Mr. Dugan's schedule.

The Commission was reminded that they need to sign off on the new State Conflict of Interest policy and take the on-line test. Commissioners were instructed to bring copies of their test completion certificates to the next meeting in May.

Access: Paul Nevosh passed out a draft ADA review form and discussed the proper protocol for filing reports. Reports are to be initially given to him for review. Reports

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dealing with Town facilities or activities would be given to the ADA Coordinator. Reports dealing with private property would be given to the Building Commissioner.

Finance Report: The current balance in the account is \$47,766. There was a lengthy discussion of what types of projects should be funded by the Commission. Al Melcher commented that there needs to be better follow-up from the Commission on when and if the money is being spent. Linda Cook passed out a draft RFP that could be used to solicit proposals for funding. The consensus of the group was to have a set annual deadline for submissions. Commissioners were to review the form and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Funding: There were discussions about several projects including the Luke's Love Boundless Playground, additional funding for flower beds at the Senior Center, and a West Barnstable Garden project. It was decided that all projects, with the exception of the boundless playground would be tabled until a later meeting. On a motion by Bill Cole, seconded by Linda Cook, the Commission VOTED unanimously to donate \$1,000 to the Luke's Love Boundless Playground parking area project, contingent upon the project receiving adequate funding.

Surveys: Jean Boyle will be working with Jim Berks on a survey of strip malls in the Town. Linda and Jean will be conducting surveys of the Town libraries this summer. It was also noted that the BDC is working with the Hyannis Business Improvement District and the Chamber of Commerce on an accessible dining guide. On a motion by Linda Cook, seconded by Jean Boyle, the Commission VOTED unanimously to begin the process of establishing an accessible dining guide for the Town of Barnstable.

Scholarships: Linda Cook informed the Commission that the scholarships will be presented at the group meeting, not graduation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Bill Cole