



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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MINUTES

August 18, 2010
Barnstable Senior Center

ATTENDEES: Raye Kaddy, Chair; Linda Cook, Vice Chair; Jean Boyle, Paul Nevosh, Al Melcher, and Jim Berks.

Also Present: Richard Andres and Tammy Cunningham, Assistant Director of HR

Meeting called to order at 12:15 P.M.

Minutes of 7/8/10: Motion to approve as accepted by Linda Cook, Jean Boyle seconded. Unanimous.

Remarks from the Chair:

Office update – Standing committees: Raye Kaddy informed the Commission gift certificates to Rite Aid were sent to both Frank Maoili and Susan Bethel as a thanks for their work on the Commission. Their departure has left two vacancies on the Finance committee.

Scholarship committee will continue to be chaired by Linda Cook.

Survey committee – Jean Boyle will continue to chair. Linda Cook and Paul Nevosh will assist. Paul commented that with the upcoming election polling places need changes, particularly in the village of Cotuit. Jean and Paul will address this matter. Raye added that she will expect monthly updates from each committee.

Raye Kaddy commented on the new Ethics and Open Meeting laws and items they need to be mindful of.

CORD: The Commission discussed the relationship between CORD and the Disability Commission. It was determined that a meeting between Commissioners and CORD would be helpful to discuss objectives and the expectations each group has of each other.

Raye Kaddy stated it was requested that at 1:45 p.m. the Commission meet Peter Markerian, Eagle Scout who headed the Senior Center raised bed garden project, outside for a picture by the gardens. It was commented that the beds are not handicap accessible to all.

Laptop: Raye Kaddy explained that due to the age of the computer in the office, the Commission is exploring purchasing a laptop computer. Ms. Kaddy spoke to Dan Wood, Director of Info. Systems, and the Town would supply the laptop loading the necessary programs and the Disability Commission will pay for the purchase. Jean Boyle moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$800 for a laptop computer to be used in the office and home, Jim Berks seconded. Unanimous.

Finance Committee: Raye Kaddy explained the Commission is missing reports for two months. Tammy Cunningham brought to the Commissions attention the fact that questions were raised regarding expenses submitted for reimbursement. The Commission asked Tammy if she would look into reimbursement criteria for expenses and also field trips/conferences. Ms. Cunningham will provide an update at the next meeting.

Scholarship Committee – Linda Cook stated things are status quo, however, we will need to determine whether we will continue to do scholarships and how many.

The Commission discussed Bill 1965 being brought forward. It was suggested they contact Jeff Dugan to determine if there is a group working on this matter. The Commission also determined they would contact Council Liaison, Ann Canedy, to learn of the Town's position on this bill.

Self Evaluation Summary – The Commission discussed the summary of the BDC self evaluation. Five members responded to the summary. The discussion included instituting a grant program with the HP funds, ways to attract new members, and development of future projects.

Raye Kaddy thanked Linda Cook for a yeoman's job on pulling together the document and summarizing the responses.

Sub committee on by laws to include Linda Cook. Mission statement sub committee will include Raye Kaddy and Jim Berks.

Sub committee that will work on goals and representation to the community includes Raye Kaddy and Al Melcher. The committee will also work on reviewing the list of goals, reducing, and focusing efforts. Paul Nevosh commented he is frustrated at the lack of integration with the Town.

Jean Boyle discussed the dining guide project. She has contacted Sturgis and they have a program called CAST that could assist with the project. Students could do the survey

work after going through training. The project would be done in two phases beginning with the greater Hyannis area and then the outlying villages. Tammy Cunningham stated she would have a discussion with Ruth Weil, Town Attorney, and Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services to begin the discussions of this project.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m. by Linda Cook, seconded by Paul Nevosh.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted: Tammy Cunningham