



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Minutes

August 17, 2016

10 a.m.

Barnstable Senior Center

Falmouth Rd Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Merrill Blum; Vice Chair; Paula Breagy; Jessica Sylver; Paul Logan; and Tammy Cunningham.

Members excused: Sheila Mulcahy, Chair; and Anne Mazzola.

Guests: Arlene Sliwiski, Long Pasture.

Public Comment: Arlene Sliwiski from Long Pasture presented literature to the group on the Long Pasture Audubon property. Audubon is requesting funding from the BDC to rent a portable accessible restroom for the property. Per Ms. Sliwiski, a number of different educational institutions visit the property. Of recently, they were advised that BWB cannot send their students to the property unless the trails and restrooms are accessible. Merrill Blum commented that in the past the BDC did provide funding for a portable toilet.

Paul Logan brought up a prior presentation with Mr. Ives and the then discussed planned renovations for Long Pasture. No data was available on the number of people with disabilities that visit Long Pasture. The matter of handicap parking was discussed and signs needing to be erected on the property. Paul Logan suggested 4 signs. The discussion will be continued at a later meeting.

Minutes of July 20, 2016 – Paul Logan moved to approve, Jessica Sylver seconded. Unanimous.

Financial Report – The current balance of the handicap parking fund is \$61,936.77.

Office Report – A brief discussion was held on a letter to Mr. Belicki concerning the ramp in Hyannis.

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A brief discussion was held on the letter to Patti Machado concerning portable restrooms. The letter will be modified and sent to Patti.

Paul Logan stated he spoke with Dawn of United Services and we should see a credit within 3 to 4 weeks.

Senior Center Access Ramp – Sheila and Paul met with Mark Marinaccio at the Senior Center. It was asked that Mark Marinaccio be invited to the meeting of September 21st to discuss the status of the project.

Millway Beach – A railing has been added to the pathmat placed at Millway Beach. Paula Breagy was going to contact DPW to ask if a railing can be added to the other side.

Barnstable Village Post Office – Paula stated that the Postmaster she has been working with is no longer there. She was going to go back in a few weeks to visit the new Postmaster to discuss the survey findings.

Common Victualer’s license – Paul Logan stated the meeting is Monday, August 22nd. It is a very lengthy agenda. Paula, Paul, and Merrill stated they will be attending.

Merrill will contact Channel 18 about modifying the message currently playing.

Merrill Blum made a motion to adjourn at 11:08 a.m., Jessica Sylver seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

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is to advise and guide the Town of Barnstable and the general public regarding
issues of accessibility in accordance with the American’s With Disabilities Act (ADA)**

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