



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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### *Barnstable Disability Commission*

Minutes

May 18, 2016

10 a.m.

Barnstable Senior Center  
Falmouth Rd Hyannis, MA 02601

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

**Members present:** Sheila Mulcahy, Chair; Merrill Blum; Vice Chair; Paula Breagy; Jessica Sylver; Anne Mazzola; and Tammy Cunningham.

**Others present:** Antonia Stephens, Cotuit Library.

**Excused:** Paul Logan

#### **Public Comment:**

Antonia Stephens of Cotuit Library discussed the proposed renovations at the Cotuit Library. The renovations will allow for greater accessibility throughout the library. Ms. Stephens is requesting a letter of endorsement which can be presented to the Town with the request for CPC funds. *Paula Breagy made a motion to endorse the Cotuit Library gateway to accessibility project, Merrill Blum seconded. Unanimous.*

The BDC asked Tammy Cunningham to compile the letter to be sent to Antonia Stephens today with the application.

The BDC reviewed a letter submitted by Kelvin Ing of Cape Cod Challenger Club discussing the baseball program and request for funding. *Merrill Blum made a motion to provide a \$2500 donation to the Cape Cod Challenger Club baseball program, Jessica Sylver seconded. Unanimous.*

#### **General Business:**

The BDC announced and discussed the resignation of Pat Andres.

*Paula Breagy made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2016, Merrill Blum seconded. Unanimous.*

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Office report – The BDC brought up the matter of the need for the office. A discussion of streamlining the complaints was also discussed. It was requested that Tammy Cunningham email members the instructions for accessing voicemail remotely and to look into having a general mailbox set up that could be routed to her computer for a quicker response to emails.

Liz Hartsgrove provided notification that the handicap spaces on Main Street will be repainted and language will be amended.

Council Liaison – Councilor Hebert will continue to be the Council Liaison.

***Assessments:***

An assessment was done at BJ's Gas, Cooks, and Cape Cod Rehab. A lengthy discussion was held with a representative of BJ's Gas on accessibility of the pumps. All establishments were found to be in compliance.

It was requested that Tammy Cunningham write a letter to Jean Baker following up on her concerns of the establishments and notifying of the opinion from the BDC.

An assessment was done of the Wilkins Library located at Cape Cod Community College. A letter had been sent to the BDC notifying them that the state had approved requests for the site. To date no renovations have begun.

Membership - A discussion was held on resources to utilize to find new members.

Scholarships – Jessica Sylver made a motion to approve a \$1000 scholarship for each noted recipient read into the record, Ann Mazzola seconded. Unanimous. It was suggested that the timeline for scholarships begin in January next year.

Portable Toilets – The BDC was going to contact Patti Machado to ask if there is a need for accessible portable toilets this year.

A portable toilet is not needed at Long Pasture.

It was recommended the BDC contact David Kanyock to discuss playground structures at the schools.

Sheila Mulcahy will not be present for the June meeting. Officer elections will take place in June.

Merrill Blum made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m., Jessica Sylver seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

**The mission of the Barnstable Disability Commission  
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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