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Minutes

September 21, 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; Anne Mazzola; Jessica Sylver; Paul Logan; and Tammy Cunningham.

Members excused: Sheila Mulcahy, Chair.

Guests: Mark Marinaccio, Town Architect; Elizabeth Hartsgrove, Consumer Affairs Supervisor; Shirley O'Grady, Citizen; Madeline Noonan, Director of Senior Services and; David Roadman, Citizen.

Senior Center Ramp: Mark Marinaccio attended the meeting to discuss the status of the ramp and a redesign. He showed the BDC a plan of the proposed new ramp. The BDC agreed that the new design alleviated the flaws with the existing ramp. Mark stated that he is hoping to have the new ramp completed this fall with the parking lot lighting.

Discussion with Elizabeth Hartsgrove: Liz Hartsgrove stated over the summer an intern surveyed handicap parking throughout the Town of Barnstable. The survey revealed a number of modifications that must be made including signage, posts, and striping. After a brief discussion on the findings, the BDC recommended Ms. Hartsgrove conduct a cost analysis of the work with a phased in approach for completion. A discussion can then be held with the BDC for assistance on funding.

Office Report: Paula Breagy stated she has taken a few calls which she will respond. Tammy Cunningham will check the mail at the BDC office. Merrill Blum stated he spoke with Patti Machado concerning the portable toilets. A letter has been sent to Patti requesting she contact the BDC in January to begin the process of securing portable toilets for the upcoming summer season.

Paul Logan commented the BDC will be closing the office by December 31st.

Public Comment: David Roadman of Hyannis stated he has contacted Town Councilor, Deborah Dagwan, to discuss bicyclists riding on sidewalks. He commented he has brought the issue to the Police Departments attention. Tammy Cunningham will follow up with Chief MacDonald and Councilor Dagwan.

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Discussion with Madeline Noonan: Ms. Noonan attended the meeting to discuss the status of the ramp, purchasing of a generator, and a grant she has responded to for a low vision assistance program to be housed at the Senior Center. Ms. Noonan added that the need for a generator at the Senior Center has become a priority in the capital improvement budget. Merrill Blum also discussed speaking with Kathleen Girouard about CDBG funding.

Public Comment: Shirley O'Grady of Hyannis stated she is seeking the BDC's assistance concerning a parking matter. She briefed the BDC on the status of two handicap parking violations she has received. Her most recent ticket went to a hearing, however, she was still ordered to pay. She missed her appeal deadline because she was waiting to speak with BDC. The BDC will follow up with Ms. O'Grady. Paul Logan advised Ms. O'Grady to please be certain to turn the placard around so the picture is viewable.

Minutes of August 17, 2016 – Paul Logan moved to approve, Jessica Sylver seconded.

Common Victular – Paul Logan stated the item is still on the docket. The next meeting is the 3rd Monday in October.

Dining Guide – Jessica Sylver reported the dining guide assessment has been sent out to chamber members.

Other Business:

Paula Breagy stated she sent a letter to Mr. Santos concerning the ramp. The BDC asked that Mr. Santos be invited to attend a BDC meeting to discuss DPW projects and ADA compliance.

Anne Mazzola will not be present for the October meeting.

Paul Logan stated the Sea Street Café has made modifications to become compliant with parking and signage. He added that Dunkin Donuts in Marstons Mills and Craigville Beach Inn are not in compliance with the ADA.

Assessments: The BDC discussed the schools and the need for an assessment. Merrill Blum will follow up with David Kanyock.

Merill Blum stated he has sent updated language to Channel 18.

Jessica Sylver made a motion to adjourn at 11:52 a.m., Paul Logan 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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