



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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### *Barnstable Disability Commission*

Minutes

February 15, 2017

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; Jessica Sylver; Paul Logan; Michelle Davies, Recreation; and Tammy Cunningham.

**Members excused:** Anne Mazzola and Paula Breagy.

**Guests:** None

**Public Opinion:** The BDC is working on an awareness campaign on access. Liz Hartsgrove, Consumer Affairs Supervisor, is creating a flyer to be given out to businesses. Jessica Sylver is working with a graphic designer to have an ad created for the newspaper. Paul Logan is contacting the Cape Cod Times for pricing.

Paul Logan shared with the Board that Liz Hartsgrove has made him aware of an annual meeting occurring with Barnstable businesses where they gather to discuss matters pertaining to compliance. Paul Logan has offered to participate in the meeting to discuss access. A blast email will be sent to business owners. Paul Logan made a motion to approve distribution of the flyer, Jessica Sylver seconded.

**Finance and Office Report:** Current balance in handicap parking fund is \$81,000.

Email Patti Machado to ask her to coordinate this year's logistics with the accessible portable bathrooms. The BDC requested that based upon positive feedback with the units they would like United Services to be used. Paul Logan made a motion to allocate \$3000 for the renting of the ADA accessible portable toilets for Covell's and Loop beach, Jessica Sylver seconded.

Paul Logan stated he has received two questions concerning the Savin copier for sale; number of copies made and the age of the machine. Tammy Cunningham will research and provide a response to Paul Logan.

**Assessments and Surveys:** The BDC is currently working with Cape Pizzeria on matters relating to access.

Craigville Beach Inn: A hearing is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> with the Architectural Access Board. Paul Logan will be participating via conference call.

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Centerville Pie Plaza: Merrill will be contacting the plaza one more time to discuss the lack of accessibility.

Future projects: Host Annual meeting with COD's and have a representative from the town attend a meeting to discuss the town's emergency response plan.

**Scholarships:** Merrill Blum reported that he has sent out letters to the schools informing them of the scholarships available. The process was started earlier this year to allow for the scholarships to be completed by the date of the graduation ceremony. There is no candidate at Sturgis West.

**Yoga program from Parkinson Support Network:** Merrill Blum made a motion to approve funding of \$1000 to the Parkinson Support Network for the Yoga program being held at HYCC, Jessica Sylver seconded.

**Guide to Accessible Dining 2017 – 2018:** Jessica Sylver will be sending out the announcement to business owners.

***Other Business:***

Merrill Blum commented that his chalk talk with the men's club went very well and very few were aware of the ADA. Merrill will email his powerpoint presentation to the group. A brief discussion was held on visiting other groups such as Civic Associations, Rotary, and Kiwanis.

The BDC discussed the matter concerning access and polling places used for voting. The BDC will be sending a letter to Ann Quirk advising that per the ADA the West Barnstable Community Building cannot be used as a polling place without major renovations being made to the property. Barnstable West Barnstable Elementary School may only be used if the school is closed to students.

**Regional MOD Meeting:** The Massachusetts Office on Disability is inquiring if Barnstable would like to host their annual meeting which will be held in August. The BDC will begin exploring possible meeting locations.

**Status on Barnstable Senior Center ramp:** The BDC discussed sending an email to the necessary parties to ask the current status of the ramp and reason for the delay in completing the project. Per the BDC discussions on the project began in 2015.

Paul Logan made a motion to adjourn, Merrill Blum seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

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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