



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission  
Minutes  
November 15, 2017  
Hyannis Youth & Community Center  
141 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Members present:** Merrill Blum, Chair; Sheila Mulcahy, Vice Chair; Paula Breagy, Anne Mazzola, Denis Briand, Sabrina Kane, Sarah Nicholson, Paul Logan and Tammy Cunningham.

**Guests present:** Justin McCarthy; Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, Mona Solmonte; Consumer Affairs, and Michelle Davies, Recreation.

**Public Comment:** Justin McCarthy of Massachusetts Commission for the Blind attended the meeting to introduce himself. He wanted to make the Commission aware of the services they provide and give his contact information.

Mona Solmonte attended the meeting to provide an update to the BDC on the status of the handicap parking project. She commended Paul Logan on doing a great job with the beach parking project. Ms. Solmonte stated the school project is complete. Signs were sent to David Kanyock for placement at the schools. The town wide project is ongoing. The BDC requested that Michael Perry, Highway Division Supervisor, be invited to the January meeting to have a discussion on signage and language on the signs.

Ms. Solmonte stated she had a discussion with Town Manager Mark Ells concerning an awareness campaign on appropriate usage of handicap placards and the need for displaying them when an individual is parking in a handicap spot. The BDC and Ms. Solmonte discussed an awareness campaign to include a segment on channel 18, flyers, and an advertisement in the newspaper. Ms. Solmonte states she has been researching assistive aids to offer those who do have placards and may need a reminder to hang the placard.

It was commented that there is a bill being discussed to increase handicap parking fines by \$50.

***Approval of the minutes of October 18, 2017*** – Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2017, Paul Logan seconded. Merrill Blum asked that Michelle Davies be added to the distribution of the monthly agenda.

***Finance Report*** – Tammy Cunningham provided an update on the financial status of the BDC.

***Self Evaluation & Transition Plan*** – Merrill Blum stated he would follow up with Elizabeth Jenkins on the status of the plan.

***Meeting with Amanda Ruggiero, Assistant Town Engineer*** – Paul Logan and Merrill Blum met with Amanda Ruggiero to discuss the color of the contrast being used to signify changes in grades in DPW construction projects. The standard has always been dark gray within DPW, however, the BDC has learned from working with Sight Loss Services yellow is the color that those who are visually impaired can notice as a differentiation with changes in grade. Unfortunately, project construction was commencing the following Monday and dark gray was going to be used for the project. Denis Briand will be working with Justin McCarthy of Massachusetts Commission for the Blind to identify the preferred contrast color and gather data and facts on the matter. Denis Briand will forward information to Paul Logan and Merrill Blum.

***Beach Parking*** – A discussion was held on the height of the signs at the beach parking lot. The sign height being used for the Town is different than the ADA standards. Merrill Blum will contact MOD to discuss and contact Michael Perry.

***Surveys*** – A discuss was held on the non - compliance issues remaining with Bamboo. Paul Logan stated he did speak with Elizabeth Hartsgrove and a call has been placed to the Building Commissioner, Brian Florence.

The handicap parking at West End is illegal.

Sheila Mulcahy stated she has contacted Millway Marina to discuss their handicap parking which is illegal.

Denis stated Bank North in Centerville has improved there service area, but work still needs to be done.

***Resolution of Complaint*** – Merrill Blum stated he discussed the complaint of the intersection of Pitcher's Way and West Main Street with Amanda Ruggiero. All areas are going to be surveyed for crosswalks.

***Craigville Beach Inn*** – Paul Logan informed the BDC that he has learned that the fines levied against this establishment have been reduced from \$2200 to \$585.

***Other Business*** –

Merrill Blum stated he emailed everyone the schematic received from Structures & Grounds on the ramp at Covell's beach

Mickie provided an update on the new program created at HYCC. The program is called, REC, Reaching Everyone through Community. They are applying for a micro grant through Parks and Recreation. She is hoping to put together a small adaptive sports fair in the near future. It was recommended to look into the Tower Foundation which primarily funds youth/school oriented programs.

Because the project for Millway Beach was not ready for the grant submittal deadline of November 17<sup>th</sup>, a grant was not submitted for this project to MOD.

Denis Briand stated he is going to be compiling a list of services and will bring to the Board once completed.

Paul Logan stated he would like to begin working on the second part of the social awareness campaign. This will include social media, pens, and getting the logo/name out in the public. The approximate cost is \$4600. Denis Briand made a motion to approve the marketing plan, Sheila Mulcahy seconded.

Discussion on the dining guide for 2018 to be on the agenda for January, Sabrina, Paula, Linda, and Sarah volunteered to work on the project. Elizabeth Wurfbain will be contacted for discussion since BID assisted with the project in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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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