



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
July 30, 2019
Hyannis Youth & Community Center
141 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

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

Members present: Sabrina Kane, Chair; Sheila Mulcahy, Vice Chair; Linda McKinney; Paul Logan; Steve Spillane; Marc Brunco; Tammy Cunningham; and Sarah Nicholson.

Members Excused: Paula Breagy.

Guests: Jan LaCasse; Justin LaCasse; and Town Councilor Paul Hebert.

Approval of the minutes of June 19, 2019 – Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to approve as amended, Marc Brunco seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of the minutes of June 28, 2019 – Paul Logan moved to approve, Sheila Mulcahy seconded. Unanimous.

A brief conversation was held on looking into holding the meetings in a location with the ability to be televised or videotaped.

Financial Report – Current balance is \$90,381.08.

Steve Spillane asked, on behalf of CORD, the appropriate process for requesting funding through CORD. The BDC advised whomever would like to present the funding request can attend a meeting with the full details. Steve Spillane will need to recuse himself from the voting on funding requests from CORD.

Elections: Sabrina Kane advised the Commission that she is relocating to Yarmouth. Her last meeting will be August 2019. The Commission wished her well and thanked her for her service.

The following slate was presented for the 2019/2020 year:

Marc Brunco – Chair
Sarah Nicholson – Vice Chair
Tammy Cunningham – Treasurer/Secretary

Paul Logan made a motion to approve the slate as presented, Steve Spillane seconded. Unanimous.

Channel 18 – Linda McKinney and Sabrina Kane will be meeting with Paula Hersey next Wednesday to discuss scholarships. Other members were invited to participate if they wish.

Discussion on Amending by laws – The Commission reviewed the by – laws and make modifications were necessary. See attached.

A question was posed on the phrasing of the Commission having the ability and right to appoint alternate members to the Commission. Councilor Hebert phoned Charles McLaughlin, Attorney, to advise on the matter. Mr. McLaughlin was going to look into the matter and report back to Councilor Hebert.

Another question was posed on remote participation and if the Commissioners can in fact participate remotely. Mr. McLaughlin will report back on his findings to this question, as well.

Posters Sub Committee – Sarah Nicholson will continue working with Alison Caron on the most recent update.

DPW Project Review – No report.

Request for funding from Jonathan Sproul, Cape Abilities – Jonathan Sproul attended the meeting with COO, Leah LaCross, and Mike of The Davenport Companies to present a new rendering of the adaptive kitchen. The new rendering includes roll down upper cabinets, roll under island, and a large accessible island with a cooktop. The Commission offered suggestions on counter height and moving the island further away from the wall ovens to allow for a wider access aisle. Mike stated he would be on site at all times to coordinate and oversee the installation. The total cost of the project is \$33,300.

It was recommended Cape Abilities collaborate with other community groups offering access to the kitchen. At this time, the only request for funding has been to Barnstable Disability Commission. The BDC thanked the attendees for coming and said they would discuss funding at the end of the meeting.

Elections:

Sabrina Kane, Chair – Paul Logan made a motion to nominate Sabrina Kane as Chair, Steve Spillane seconded. Unanimous.

Marc Brunco , Vice Chair – Linda McKinney made a motion to nominate Marc Brunco as Vice Chair, Paul Logan seconded. Unanimous.

Tammy Cunningham, Secretary & Treasurer – Paul Logan made a motion to nominate Tammy Cunningham for Treasurer and Secretary, Steve Spillane seconded.

Pual Logan made a motion to approve the full slate of officers as nominated, Steve Spillane seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion on funding of portable accessible restrooms – Paul Logan made a motion to approve the spending of up to \$3750 for portable accessible restrooms to be located at Covell’s Beach and Loop Beach from Memorial Day through Labor Day, Marc Brunco seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion on Content for Channel 18 – Sabrina Kane stated that after her first interview she gave additional thought on future topics the BDC could discuss. She stated she would contact Paula Hersey to discuss doing a segment on the scholarships that the BDC awards.

Report from the Posters Subcommittee – Alison Caron provided a few updated poster designs on the topic of braille. The BDC reviewed the posters. Sarah Nicholson recommended changing restroom sign to women. Conversation was generated about the individual pointing to the sign, the phone in their hand, and facial expression. It was recommended Alison be contacted to discuss redrawing the design.

Discussion on Department of Public Works Project Review Sub Committee – Sabrina Kane commented that at this time no projects were being reviewed. Paul Logan asked Brian Florence if he has been involved in the parking study being conducted.

Brian Florence addressed the Chair stating that at the last meeting he attended in February he was treated as an adversarial. He felt offended and hurt and requested to have the minutes changed from the February meeting as the spirit and being perceived as something as other than someone who enforces the laws on access. Brian stated he is afraid and concerned about future conversations being taken out of context. He added that he is not asking to go back, however, he respectfully requests that in the future any questions be directed to him in writing.

Sabrina Kane stated that she was not present for the discussion of the modification of the minutes. An additional conversation ensued on subjective intent and what was said versus what is meant. After additional conversation about the February meeting, Brian Florence stated he would be happy to attend any time the BDC requests his attendance and to feel free to email him with questions. He commented that they wear the same uniform. He asked that he be put on the agenda first. Steve Spillane expressed appreciation to Brian for being articulate and constructive in his comments.

Tammy Cunningham mentioned Ann Quirk has requested to survey the West Barnstable Community Building for accessibility. Paul Logan will attend the survey.

Discussion on Amending Barnstable Disability Commission By-Laws – Members serving on the sub-committee are Steve Spillane, Sabrina Kane, Tammy Cunningham, Marc Brunco, Sarah Nicholson, and Paul Logan. First meeting will be held on June 28, 2019 at 10 am. Tammy Cunningham will look to find a location and advise members.

Request for Funding from CORD – Paul Logan made a motion to approve \$22,000 for the construction of an ADA compliant kitchen to be built at Cape Abilities per the specifications presented at the meeting of 6/19/19 with the contingency that Cape Abilities secure the remaining funding, Steve Spillane seconded. Unanimous.

Paul Logan shared with BDC members the warning notices he had received from MOD. The notices are left on windshields making one aware that they should not be parked in an access aisle or are in a handicap spot without proper placard or plate. MOD no longer prints these notices, so he suggested the BDC printing the notices. This item will need to be discussed with legal and parking prior reproduction.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

The objective of the Barnstable Disability Commission is to advise and guide the Town of Barnstable the Town of Barnstable and the general public regarding issues of accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board. In addition, the Barnstable Disability Commission provides information and referral services to residents.