



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
January 19, 2022
via Zoom from 10 am to 12 pm

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

Members present: Paul Logan, Chair, Sheila Mulcahy; Vice Chair, Linda McKinney, John Lundborn, Warren Rutherford, Jerilyn DiCostanzo, Mike Hersey, and Brian Freeman.

Others Present: Tedi Bell, Guest, and Tammy Cunningham, Asst. HR Director and staff liaison.

Members Absent: Paula Breagy

Public Comment: None

Approval of the minutes of December 15, 2021 – Brian Freeman moved to approve, Michael Hersey seconded. Unanimous

Financial report – Current balance is \$46,499.28.

MOD Grant update – Tammy Cunningham stated there has been no change in status since November. Paul Logan said he would send out an email to senior leadership requesting an update on the status of the ADA self – evaluation and transition plan.

Report from the posters sub-committee – No update. Brian Freeman agreed to chair the committee with Sheila Mulcahy assisting.

Report from Scholarships sub-committee – Linda McKinney stated she has sent out the scholarship information letters to the guidance staff. A brief discussion was held on relevant expenses that may be covered by the scholarship funding. The expenses need to support and be relevant to the student in their education.

It was suggested that a link be shared on the BDC website providing information about the scholarships

Access Issues in TOB - Warren Rutherford reported that no meeting had been held on the matter relating to licensing and ADA issues. He hopes to set up a meeting with Brian Florence and Liz Hartsgrove in the near future.

Willow Street Tavern still pending.

Sturgis West – The BDC recently became aware that students attending Sturgis West were parking in the HP parking spots without a proper plate or placard. This matter came about last

year as well and the Executive Director stated he would address the issue and direct the students to no longer park in those spots who did not have the required prerequisites to do so.

Paul Logan to contact the Executive Director once again to discuss.

Morning Glory Café is still pending.

The matter relating to cross walks to nowhere was also addressed. The cross walk located at North Street was brought up. It was suggested that DPW be notified to see if they have a current listing of these cross walks.

Barnstable Adult Community Center Office Hours –

It was requested that the Office hours being held by the BDC be advertised to alert others they are present.

The BDC discussed having signage made or purchase a white board for individuals to know where the BDC will be located and provide some information about them.

TOB Closed Captioning update – Tammy Cunningham spoke to Sarah Beal who stated it would be up and running by the end of January.

Report form MA AAB Variance Request sub-committee/DPW Sub Committee –

No AAB matters to be discussed.

Paul Logan reminded the BDC about the Architectural Access Board bill and whether members would like to send a letter to support the bill. After much discussion, it was determined that, individually, one can send a letter of support, if they so choose.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

It was suggested that letters of support be sent to Patti Machado and Mona Solmonte in honor of the tremendous support they have showed to the BDC over the years. John Lundborn moved to approve, Sheila Mulcahy seconded .

Brian Freeman stated he was going to review the website and identify any broken links or where updates need to be made.

John Lundborn stated he spoke with the Barnstable Land Trust about their trail guide map and they are very interested in collaborating with the BDC on adding accessible features to the map.

Next Disability Commission meeting will be held on February 16, 2022 at 10 am.

Sheila Mulcahy moved to adjourn, Michael Hersey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

**The objective 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).**