



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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MINUTES
December 16, 2009

ATTENDEES; Linda Cook; Jean Boyle; Raye Kaddy; Al Melcher; Frank Maioli

Absent: Paul Nevosh; Bill Cole; Jim Berks; Coreen Brinkerhoff

Arrived: 1:15 Susan Bethel

Public Comment – Comment was offered that the new Osterville Fire House on Firehouse Rd. has no elevator. Also, there is a question as to whether or not a handicap door is in use.

Minutes of 11/18/09: Due to lack of quorum, this motion was tabled for the January meeting.

Finance Report: Twelve (12) tickets were paid for October 2009 resulting in \$600 dollars. Ending balance is \$48,683.01

Linda Cook researched the procedure for making future payouts for approved projects. There are numerous steps which result in longer payout times than previously thought. The commission will be cognizant of this timeline when awarding future funds.

2010 Calendar: Results of discussion as follows.

1. Keep Wednesday meeting date @ same time (12:00- 2:00)
2. Propose a meeting calendar for vote/motion at January 2010 meeting:

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- 3. Meet every month in 2010 with the exception of February 2010, July 2010 and December 2010. This results in having 9 meetings next year. Under state guidelines, the disability commission is required to post (only) six meetings per year.**

New Business: Advisory for future projects. Members reviewed the draft and no vote was taken due to attendance issue. Draft will be forwarded to CDBG office and commission liaison. Both representatives to be invited to attend the January meeting for further discussion of advisory recommendations.

Access Guide for Restaurants: Jean Boyle shared the sample booklet completed by Watertown, MA. Using their guide as a model, the suggestion that the BDC take this under advisement for their own needs and develop a guide for the town. Local chamber representative (Hyannis) would be invited to a future (March?) meeting of the BDC as a possible collaboration opportunity. Jean Boyle to contact George Donohue, chair of the Watertown Disability Commission for further ideas as to how to initiate and involve others.. Jean Boyle agreed to chair this sub-committee in developing the project.

Susan Bethel arrived: 1:15

Scholarship(s): Discussion regarding the funding of current and future scholarships was held. Given the economic climate, the following was put forth. Six of the attending members agreed that three scholarships should be provided for this school year in the amount of \$1000 each. (Recipients: Barnstable High; Sturgis High School; 4 C's Community College-Project Forward.

MOTION: To provide one scholarship to each of the above schools in the amount of \$1000 each for the school year 09/10

Linda Cook; seconded-Frank Maioli; unanimous

Old Business: Goals and objectives were discussed and revised to a manageable list. A draft will be passed out at the next meeting.

Comments were heard related to attendance at monthly meetings. Attending members felt that this topic needs to be addressed because lack of a quorum holds up the progress on the work completed in sub-committees which subsequently needs a vote at the monthly meeting(s). Raye Kaddy will be sending a letter at the beginning of January summarizing our commission accomplishments and encouraging all members to post future meeting dates on their personal schedulers so as to have fuller membership attendance.

Respectfully submitted: Raye Kaddy