



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES

October 20, 2010
Barnstable Senior Center

ATTENDEES: Raye Kaddy, Chair; Linda Cook, Vice Chair; Jean Boyle, Paul Nevosh, Al Melcher, Sheila Mulcahy, Anne Mazzola, and Jim Berks.

Also Present: Richard Andres, Don Megathlin, resident of Cotuit, Gail Albertini, resident of Hyannisport, and Tammy Cunningham, Assistant Director of HR

Meeting called to order at 12:10 P.M.

Minutes of 9/15/10: Motion to approve by Jean Boyle, Jim Berks seconded.
Unanimous.

Public Comments: Issue of access – Don Megathlin stated he contacted Al Melcher to discuss a matter in Cotuit. He stated he is active in our town government; however, he is present as a resident of Cotuit. Mr. Megathlin stated he is attending the meeting to discuss gaining the support of the BDC for a handicap parking spot at Riley's Beach. He has a friend who is handicap, and he has made it his mission to assist her in getting a handicap spot, so she may visit Riley's beach.

Mr. Megathlin said he brought the matter forward to the Town Engineer, however, Bob Burgmann told him there would not be a handicap spot at Riley's beach for following three reasons; 1) Cross Street only has ten spaces and the law requires 14 spaces before requiring a handicap spot, 2) only access to water, not a beach, 3) fishermen will not be able to park their vehicles near the beach.

Mr. Megathlin stated after his discussion with Mr. Burgmann he then started researching the law with CORD and Chief Olson of the Cotuit Fire Department. He has currently partnered with the Fire Department and is in the process of having a plan drawn up. Mr. Megathlin stated he has spoken to Councilor Barry on the subject. He will be going before the Civic Association and then the Town Manager. Tammy Cunningham asked

Mr. Megathlin if he had spoken with Mark Ells, Director of Public Works. Mr. Megathlin stated he had not because he was going through the chain of command. Ms. Cunningham commented she would bring the matter to the attention of Bill Cole, ADA Coordinator, and Mark Ells, DPW Director. Mr. Megathlin asked for a letter of support from the BDC to Mr. Burgmann with copies to the appropriate parties.

Finance update:

A finance report dated September 16th was provided to the Commission. Tammy Cunningham stated she had spoken Mark Milne concerning the BDC budget. The BDC is provided with an administrative budget of \$3000 each year. This account is in the process of being updated and pays for expenditures such as postage, admin. expenses, etc. The Commission asked Tammy to investigate whether this is a separate account or comes directly from the HPP fund.

Tammy Cunningham stated the BDC gift account currently has a balance of \$1100.

Chairman Kaddy asked Tammy Cunningham to check into the status of the reimbursements recently submitted.

Launching of Dining Guide project – update

Jean Boyle stated she had a meeting with Jeffrey Hyre, Director of the CAS program, and a meeting was held with students who would be participating in the dining guide project. Two students were present for the meeting. Ms. Boyle stated they are very excited about the project. The Sturgis students will be taking the project from start to finish. Jean Boyle added that all of the Main Street merchants are highly favorable towards the Sturgis students, so this should work well.

Tammy Cunningham stated she spoke with Town Attorney, Ruth Weil. Attorney Weil feels the project is a good thing; however, her concern is that some merchants are grandfathered, and the standards and compliance required of merchants are different, this needs to be taken into consideration. Jean Boyle stated the checklist is not a pass or fail and there is no rating. The evaluators will be looking at a specific set of criteria and the merchant will be asked whether they would like to be listed in the dining guide.

Tammy Cunningham will follow up with Attorney Weil with the updated information.

Jean Boyle stated concerning costs, in 2006 Watertown printed 400 copies for \$1900. 100 books were printed in Braille and audio. At the last BDC meeting it was suggested that \$5000 be put aside to fund the project.

Survey and Monitoring

Jean Boyle stated Raye Kaddy, Linda Cook, and she met with Steven Sundelin and David Curley to discuss access and the beaches. Jean stated there were concerns with Loop

Beach and Covell's Beach. Covell's Beach is in need of a handicap accessible port a potty and dressing room. They have also asked if beach staff would please sweep the ramps to keep it free of sand and pull the weeds. Jean Boyle mentioned that David Curley had contacted her to discuss access and the beaches. It was suggested that letters of appreciation be sent.

Chairman Kaddy stated a letter had gone out to the Prudential Committee regarding the automatic door at Freedom Hall in Cotuit. She has not received a response. Paul Nevosh stated he would follow upon the status.

Training from MOD was discussed. Paul Nevosh suggested that the training be held for all disability offices located on the Cape. Sheila Mulcahy offered to assist in conducting access surveys. Chairman Kaddy stated she would put together a calendar of tasks for review at the next meeting.

Scholarship Committee

Linda Cook commented in the past the Commission gave out four \$1000 scholarships. Last year three \$1000 scholarships were granted; Barnstable High School, Sturgis Charter School, and Cape Cod Community College, Project Forward. Linda Cook stated she feels strongly that this is a positive thing they are doing for our community and the kids get a lot out of this.

Jim Berks made a motion that the BDC grant three \$1000 scholarships to an eligible student at each of the following locations; Barnstable High School, Sturgis Charter School, and Cape Cod Community College, Al Melcher seconded. Sheila Mulcahy and Paul Nevosh voted nay. Motion carried. Discussion: A discussion was held on increasing the number of scholarships awarded.

Grant Application

The BDC held a discussion on the grant application created by Chairman Kaddy. The application does not need to be submitted by a member of the BDC. The objective would be to offer a broader spectrum to citizens within Barnstable and allow them to file a grant for eligible projects to the BDC. Paul Nevosh commented the application did not include parameters. Chairman Kaddy asked members to review the application and send comments to Linda Cook.

Remarks from the Chair

CORD – Sheila Mulcahy reported she attended the meeting held by CORD. The meeting focused on increasing accessibility in Recreation programs.

A brief discussion was held on the voting machines purchased to provide accessibility to the disabled and the fact that not many poll workers at the precincts are trained on the machines. Towns do receive federal funds when the machines are used.

Chairman Kaddy stated she received a letter from Bob Burgmann stating projects including the crosswalk at Barnstable High School and a crosswalk at Shaw's Supermarket are both on a list to be completed.

Discussion with Gail Albertini

Gail Albertini is a resident in Barnstable and a Nurse at the Kennedy-Donovan Center which assists kids and adults with disabilities. Ms. Albertini stated she would like to see a baseball diamond created in Town, specifically for individuals with disabilities. A discussion was held on where the diamond would be located. Members suggested she contact CORD, in light of their recent meeting. Jean Boyle commented on a baseball team in Sandwich. Paul Nevosh suggested looking into a recreation program in Fresno, CA called "Break the Barriers." He also suggested researching the United States Army and their program. A working group was created to include Gail Albertini, Sheila Mulcahy, David Curley, and Jim Berks.

A discussion was held on creating a boardwalk that would connect from the Park located at the West End Rotary to Sea Street. The boardwalk was unable to be created due to inadequate funding.

Adjournment 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Tammy Cunningham

**Barnstable Disability Commission
Grant Application**

The BDC is offering three (3) grants of up to \$1000 each.

Deadline for entry is _____.

Our Mission Statement:

Barnstable Disability Commission mission 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.

If you have a project that will help fulfill these goals, please apply and your application will be considered for one of our grants. Once your application has been accepted, payment, accountability and other details will be forthcoming.

Please provide the following information:

Organization Name _____

Street _____

Town _____

Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

Please attach your detailed proposal and return with this entry application to:

**Grant Application
Barnstable Disability Commission
230 South Street
Hyannis, MA 02601**

We will notify you of our decision by _____.

**BDC NET INCOME STATEMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

UPDATED 09/16/10

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Revenue:													
Parking fines	525.00	400.00	600.00	600.00	500.00	350.00	550.00	300.00	150.00	500.00	200.00	450.00	5,125.00
Interest income	33.92	30.31	28.76	28.10	23.64	23.64	22.24	21.39	20.31	19.11	19.66	19.67	290.75
Other													-
Total	558.92	430.31	628.76	628.10	523.64	373.64	572.24	321.39	170.31	519.11	219.66	469.67	5,415.75
Expenses:													
Cell phone expense T-Mobile		34.76	35.18	35.16	35.16	35.16	35.16	35.16	35.16				280.90
Postage									75.00				75.00
Scholarships	4,000.00												4,000.00
Other grant payments						1,000.00					500.00		1,500.00
BDC admin expense				55.00				620.00		32.99	(6.92)		701.07
Total	4,000.00	34.76	35.18	90.16	35.16	1,035.16	35.16	655.16	110.16	32.99	493.08	-	6,556.97
Net increase/(decrease)	(3,441.08)	395.55	593.58	537.94	488.48	(661.52)	537.08	(333.77)	60.15	486.12	(273.42)	469.67	(1,141.22)
Beginning Balance	50,632.18	47,191.10	47,586.65	48,180.23	48,718.17	49,206.65	48,545.13	49,082.21	48,748.44	48,808.59	49,294.71	49,021.29	50,632.18
Ending Balance	47,191.10	47,586.65	48,180.23	48,718.17	49,206.65	48,545.13	49,082.21	48,748.44	48,808.59	49,294.71	49,021.29	49,490.96	\$ 49,490.96