

BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2011

Barnstable Senior Center, Route 28, Hyannis, MA

11:30am to 1:30pm

ATTENDEES: Raye Kaddy, Chair - Linda Cook, Vice Chair - Pat Andres - Jim Berks, Jean Boyle- Anne Canedy- Anne Mazzola- Sheila Mulcahy.

ABSENT: Tammy Cunningham ; *Al Helchen*

GUESTS: Dick Andres, Resident - Janet Huntley, Resident - Patti Machado and John Gleason, Recreation Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Cook at 11:35am.

Public Comment: Janet Huntley a resident of the Villages at Fawcett Pond Senior Housing at 148 West Main Street, Hyannis, voiced her dissatisfaction with the handicapped parking at the complex. She is on oxygen and cannot find a HP parking spot near the entrance. She has spoken to Brett O'Hara, manager, and also to the building inspector at the Town offices.

Councilor Ann Canedy thanked the Commission for the purchase and installation of the portable ramp at the Barnstable West Barnstable Elementary School (election entrance). It will be in place in time for the next election on November 8, 2011.

Minutes of September 21, 2011: Jean Boyle moved to approve and Pat Andres seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Tammy Cunningham, Treasurer, report was tabled until next meeting.

Recreation Dept. Guests: Patty Machado, Beach Supervisor, spoke to members regarding the beaches. She thanked the Commission for the summer installation of the Bouse Houses at *Covell's Beach* in Centerville and *Loop Beach* in Cotuit. She said she had received many positive comments from the public. The wooden ramp at *Loop Beach* needs to be replaced as it has deteriorated. The overlook, newly installed at *Millway Beach* in Barnstable Village is beautiful, but unfortunately took out the ramp to the beach. Work will be done at *Kalmus Beach* since the parking lot where the HP spots are (on the left side), gets flooded and sand has overtaken the parking lot.

The sensitivity training conducted by the Recreation Dept. each spring for the 100 or so young people who are beach staff and camp counselors was cancelled this year. Patti will contact us in March of 2012 to inform us of new date, so that commission members can attend.

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John Gleason, Assistant Beach Supervisor, spoke to us about the Surf Chairs. He said all the beaches has at least one except for Joshua's Pond. (13 to 14 sites). Craigville Beach has two - one adult and one child. A new chair is \$2500 to \$3000. The cost of a tire is \$250. He has been making repairs from old chairs and spare parts. The chairs all seem to be falling apart at the same time. Other towns have a total of one or two chairs and a person has to call in advance to reserve one. He thanked the Commission for the purchase of a new chair which is on order and will be in need of another new chair for the 2012 summer season.

Old Business:

Goals were reviewed. Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to accept and Pat Andres seconded. Unanimously approved.

Commission Calendar:

Commission Calendar was reviewed and approved.

Grant Application: Was reviewed and approved with a minor change. An ad will be placed in one of the local papers with a target date of 1/1/12 to get the grant applications in process. The Commission will be offering three grants of up to \$1,000. Each.

New Business: Dining Guide: Raye Kaddy and Linda Cook met with Elizabeth Worthbain of the Business Improvement District (BID). It was a very positive meeting and Ms. Worthbain is agreeable to the Dining Guide project and offered to mail the survey with a cover letter to the BID members and include a self-addressed envelope for their responses. She is happy to see the positive approach by the Commission. If businesses are willing to fill out survey, it gives them a sense of control. Form will have to be revised as it was originally intended for Sturgis Charter School students. Raye, Linda and Jean will meet.

Scholarships: Linda Cook reported that there will be four new scholarships next year: One for Barnstable High School, one for Sturgis Charter School and two for Project Forward at Cape Cod Community College. At Project Forward, we fund the 2nd year of the program, where students are trained to work and live independently. Linda and Raye attended their graduation in June and were very impressed by the students' progress. The amount of the scholarships is \$1,000. each. Jean Boyle made a motion to accept the expenditure and Jim Berks seconded. All in favor.

By-Laws: By-laws were reviewed and several minor changes were made. They will be revised and presented at November meeting for approval.

Surveys: Bud Breault, Airport Manager, contacted Raye to visit the airport for final approval of the compliance in the new construction. Raye and Jean visited and found the

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Main terminal to be in total compliance. The only criticism was the number of HP and van spots, and the contractor was happy to add more. Raye sent a "Hats Off" item to the Cape Cod Times which was printed today, praising Mr. Breault for keeping us informed on the construction project and requesting our input to comply with the ADA law.

Hyannis Golf Club, Route 132, Hyannis, owned by the Town, was visited by Pat Andres and Jean Boyle on October 4, 2011. The Survey report was distributed and noted was them was the lovely site, accessible to enter, but with totally inaccessible bathrooms. A letter will be sent to Manager, Board Chairman and copies to town officials.

Office Report:

A letter of thanks was read from the Cape Cod Challenger Club for the recent donation. Linda Cook noted that beginning March of 2012, all new construction and renovation will have to comply with 2010 changes. For instance, light switches are now 54 inches high and will have to be installed at 48 inches.

The next meeting will be held on November 16th. There will be no meeting in December.

Adjournment at 1:35pm

Respectfully submitted: Jean Boyle, Acting Secretary

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Jean Boyle