

## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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### BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 19, 2012

11:30 a.m.

Barnstable Senior Center, Route 28 Hyannis, MA 02601

ATTENDEES: Merrill Blum, Chair, Sheila Mulcahy, Tammy Cunningham, Treasurer/Secretary, Pat Andres, Ann Mazzola, Marc Grenier, Jim Berks, Patti Machado, and John Gleason. Also Present: Dick Andres, resident, and Harvey Cronig, Shallow Pond Drive in Centerville.

Meeting called to order at 11:32 A.M.

#### ***Public Comment:***

A discussion was held on the handicap parking and the lack of availability at the Harbor front located on Ocean Street in Hyannis. Mr. Cronig, Centerville resident, attended the meeting voicing his displeasure at being unable to visit the harbor because of the lack of availability for handicap parking. He mentioned since the kiosks have been placed there, the number of spaces have been reduced, and the spaces available are taken up by patrons who park in the handicap spaces for 12 hours or more. Mr. Cronig suggested limiting the hours one can park in a handicap spot and ticketing the cars that are parking for longer.

Mr. Cronig stated he contacted Consumer Affairs, however, no one called him back. Tammy Cunningham is going to contact Tom Geiler to discuss.

#### ***Minutes:***

Approval of the minutes of August 15, 2012: Pat Andres moved to approve, Sheila Mulcahy seconded.

#### ***Jim Berks – Comment on Smile Mass:***

Jim Berks made a motion to donate \$500 to Smile Mass during a meeting Susan would be invited to accept the donation on behalf of Smile Mass, Marc Grenier seconded. Jim Berks commented on his experience with the chair. He did mention his Cousin had difficulty steering the chair because of where and how the handles are located on the chair. The best part is that the chair can go into the water.

### ***Fishing Deck:***

It was recommended to send Steve Sundelin a letter reminding him it is the responsibility of the Town to provide up keep to the fishing deck. Jim Berks commented he was at the fishing deck on Sunday and there was nothing wrong with the structure. Raye Kaddy was going to draft the letter.

### ***Accessibility on Boats:***

Raye Kaddy and Merrill Blum both commented on the accessibility of charter boats. Raye Kaddy mentioned she was speaking with an employee with the Duck Boats located on Cape Cod. They are not accessible.

### ***Hyannis Golf Course:***

A discussion was then held on a letter that was sent to Mr. Alberti bringing it to his attention that there are no handicap accessible restrooms located at the Hyannis Golf Course. Tammy Cunningham will follow up with Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services.

### ***Update from Patti Machado, Leisure Services Director:***

Patti Machado stated this year they received 4 chairs from Smile Mass which have been placed at Kalmus, Covell's, Veterans, and Craigville beaches. The Rotary Club is also getting together to purchase more chairs for area beaches located on the Cape. Patti stated the challenging part is that the chairs do not steer well in the sand. They have had the most difficulty at Kalmus and Covell's because of the slope.

Patti stated she did have a resident tell her that she chose to move to this Town because it is so accessible. One resident used the new chair to be able to get into the water and, she commented it was the most freeing experience.

Patti stated she has heard when the Path Mat is left in the water the mat does get slippery. Mobi Mat does not get slippery. She is going to be receiving more evaluations on the products from Chatham and Mashpee.

Patti provided an update on the metal chairs, stating the seats have worn on each of the chairs and people are no longer being able to sit in. She is checking into having them reupholstered.

Patti commented two years ago they started an event held on July 4<sup>th</sup> where only residents with handicap placards are allowed at Kalmus beach.

A discussion was then held on the Memorial bench for Hailey Mitchell. Patti Machado stated she has been told that a committee has been formed to review such requests. She believes Lynne Poyant is on that committee.

### ***Dining Guide:***

Tammy Cunningham and Raye Kaddy provided background and an update on the status of the dining guide. Raye stated she has met with Jean Boyle to discuss the project. Jean is willing to visit the establishments with Elizabeth Spilsbury. Restaurants do have the ability to opt out of the dining guide. Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to continue to move forward with the dining guide, Anne Mazzola seconded. A recommendation was made to send Jean Boyle a letter identifying her hard work and commitment to the dining guide.

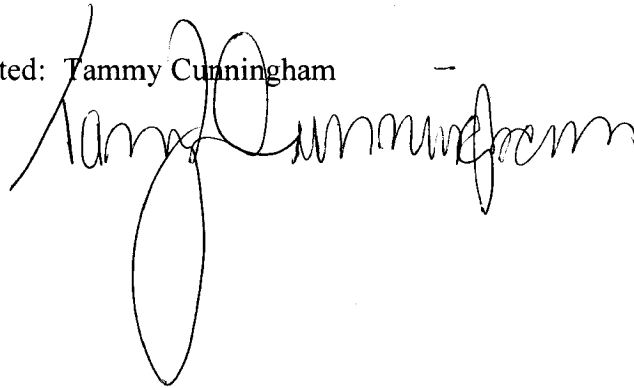
***Other Business:***

The Senior Center sent a letter requesting a \$1000 donation for the purposes of the raised garden beds and supplies. Jim Berks left the room during the discussion. The Commission is requesting more information relevant to the request for a donation.

Merrill Blum stated he would like to invite the Executive Director of CORD and Deb Downey, Director of the activities program at Spaulding, to attend a BDC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Tammy Cunningham

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Cunningham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the bottom.

**The mission 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)**

## Barnstable Disability Commission

### 2012-2013 Goals

1. ACCESS PLAN -- Sheila and Pat
2. Special Projects --
  - a. Dining Guide
  - b. Scholarships
  - c. Public Relations and Publicity  
Vial of Life; Town Dept. Collaboration; General meeting  
of towns on Cape Cod
  - d. Handicap Parking Patrol
  - e. Explore grant funding