



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission  
Barnstable Senior Center  
Minutes  
March 20, 2013

***Meeting called to order:*** 11:35 a.m.

Attendees: Patricia Andres; Merrill Blum; Jean Boyle; Anne Mazzola, Sheila Mulcahy, Marc Grenier; Jim Berks; Tammy Cunningham, Linda Cook, Al Melcher, and Raye Kaddy. Others present: Dick Andres.

***Excused absence:*** Anne Canedy

***Public Comment:*** None.

***Report of Finance Sub Committee minutes January 16, 2013-*** Motion by Raye Kaddy, as amended; seconded by Jim Berks, unanimous.

***Report of minutes of January 16, 2013*** – Motion by Raye Kaddy, seconded by Pat Andres, Unanimous.

***Finance Report:*** Tammy Cunningham distributed recent information on the budget and handicap parking fines.

Marc Grenier and Jim Berks discussed the coordination of a meeting at Audobon Long Pasture.

***Smile Chairs*** – Patti Machado to be contacted for an update on the subject of beach chairs.

***Follow Ups*** –

Raye Kaddy stated she spoke with Kristen vonHentschel about possibly redesigning the pamphlet. A discussion was then held on changes to the mission statement, as well as the pamphlet. A sub committee was then formed to address this matter. The sub committee will include the following members Raye Kaddy, Sheila Mulcahy, Jean Boyle and Jim Berks.

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Merrill Blum stated he had spoken with Mark Ells and Tom Lynch in the past about the matter of memorial benches. A draft policy was being put forward for consideration. Merrill was going to contact the office to see if he could review a copy of the policy.

Table banner – Jim Berks stated he has ordered the table banner through Cape Cod Textiles. The banner will include the Town Seal and handicap symbol along with the words written, Barnstable Disability Commission. The cost of the banner is \$165. The Commission expressed in the future they would like to preview projects such as this prior to the order being placed. Jim Berks to send a proof to Raye Kaddy for review.

Audible Ledger – Raye Kaddy stated she received a email from the Audible Local Ledger about starting a show on local access cable. Raye Kaddy was going to forward the email to the Commission. A follow up discussion was to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Aging and demographics in Barnstable County – A discussion was held on a recent information session held on demographics of the County. A lengthy discussion was then held on ways to gather information and assist residents which may have difficulties with accessibility, particularly in emergency situations.

Darcy Karle - Jim Berks advised the bid opening for the boardwalk at Long Beach will be on April 4, 2013.

Crocker Neck conservation land – Marc Grenier and Jim Berks volunteered to assist in the building of a ramp at Crocker Neck conservation land.

Linda Cook stated the Commission will want to discuss scholarships for the next year.

The next meeting will be held April 17, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy L. Cunningham

**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)**