



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Minutes Barnstable Disability Commission April 17, 2013

Meeting called to order at 11:32.

Attendees: Merrill Blum, Jim Berks, Patricia Andres, Linda Cook, Marc Grenier, Raye Kaddy, Anne Mazzola, Sheila Mulcahy, Jean Boyle and Ann Canedy, Counsel Liaison. Others present, Dick Andres.

Excused Absence: Tammy Cunningham.

Public Comment: None. However Chair, Merrill Blum, chose this time to inform the Board of a complaint made after the posting of the Finance Sub Committee meeting, January 16, 2013, at the BDC office. The posting of the meeting did not fully explain the topics for discussion. We discussed the revised Open Meeting Law, MGL 30A Sub Sect.20. Future meetings will be taped, however today's request was not able to be fulfilled by the Town. Discussion of moving future meetings to the Selectman's Office to ease the cost of taping. Results of the discussion will yield 1- Public Comment will be placed on all posted Agendas, 2- Meetings will be taped, 3- An Exclusion Statement will be posted on the bottom of the Agenda.

Exclusion Statement- "The list of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. The committee may also act on items in an order other than they appear on the agenda."

Approval of Minutes: Raye made a motion to accept the minutes of March 20, 2013. Seconded and approved unanimously.

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Minutes of the Public Relations Sub Committee were read and accepted during Raye's presentation listed in the minutes as 'Public Relations'.

Finance Report: Was presented by Raye minus the Table of Expenditures, which will be presented next month when Tammy is back. Patricia motioned to accept and was voted unanimously.

Library Report: Was presented by Jean in regards to the Hyannis Library. The topic was about access to the large print section that is located down three steps. The item was presented to the library in April/May 2010 and revisited Sept. 2011. Phone conversation with Carol Saunders explained a ramp may not be possible but plans are in order to move the section to the first floor for easy access. It was also noted that the elevator had no Braille Markers. Both projects are reported to be 'works in progress'.

Hyannis Golf Course: Patricia reported on the ongoing issues at the Course. The parking area Drop Off needs addressed, repainting of the HC areas, bathrooms are not accessible (both stalls and sinks) and there are no grab bars. Bruce Mc Intyre stated they are aware of the issues but do not have the funds. The van access spot was relocated and meets the needs of the public. Ann Canedy reports that the golf course budget is upcoming in the Town's budgeting meetings. She informed us she believes there is a three to five year plan in effect for repairs. She suggests that we write a letter to the Town Council President and the Golf Course Manager addressing our concerns. Patricia, Raye and Merrill will get together and draft such letter.

Barnstable Police Annex: On main Street Hyannis has had some complaints brought to our attention. Jean has been dealing with Pam Burkley and Ann Spillane in regards to the three to four in lip at the entrance. While the building is rented by the Town, it appears a resolution of a small ramp may be in order.

Access Report: Jean reports reading an article that the bath house at Craigville Beach will be funded while the bath house at Covell's Beach is in worse condition. Ann Canedy reported that these items are 'Bundled Projects' and are scheduled for another three to five year plan for the Recreation Department.

Brochure: Is being handled by the Public Relations Sub Committee which includes Jean, Raye, Jim and Sheila. The brochure explaining our mission statement is again going under some small changes. A rough draft will be presented soon.

Public Relations: This Sub Committee met April 2, 2013. Minutes were read and accepted unanimously. We discussed the following items. 1- The brochure, 2- Our web site, needs to be updated, 3- Citizens Training Group- maybe we could get some time for a presentation at this Bi-yearly event, 4- Dining Guide is in it's semi final state. After review from the Town and the Town lawyer it was brought up that we should- put it on=line,- use the town's GIS map upfront and allow each restaurant to review their page., 5- Suggest to invite the Building Department and Jeff Dougan, from MOD to future meetings, 6- Rename the Public Relations Sub Committee to the Marketing Committee, which Raye will head up and make sure future meetings are properly posted, 7- Potentially hold a 'Workshop' to inform the public of our mission. This may also be a good time to include Bill Cole who is the Town's ADA 504 Coordinator. Another meeting is scheduled for April 29th 2013 at the BDC Office.

Banner: Tabled.

Dining Guide: Raye reported in it's semi final stages as reported earlier. Report to follow including adjustments made and printing possibilities.

Open Meeting Law: was handled earlier by Merrill under Public Comment.

Future Agenda: Topics were discussed. Adaptive Sports Program with a potential guest speaker, Patty Machado, H?C access golf carts, Cape Cod Challenger Club, Hyannis Golf Course Manager, Potential Informational get together at the Selectman's Office, Superintendent of Schools and Jeff Dougan (August Meeting).

Other Information: The Member info Sheet was updated by Linda. Recent media articles, Public Service Animals, School systems and access to sports for those with disabilities and the Website for the Awareness of Disabilities.

Motion to Adjourn at 1:15 by Jean and seconded by Anne. Unanimous.

Minutes taken and presented by Marc Grenier. Amended 05/07/13.

**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)**

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