



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Minutes

September 16, 2015

Barnstable Senior Center

Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Sheila Mulcahy, Chair; Merrill Blum, Vice Chair; Pat Andres, Paul Logan; Jessica Sylver; Anne Mazzola; Michelle Davies; and Tammy Cunningham.

Excused: Ann Canedy

Others present: Dick Andres and Clay Schofield, DPW.

Minutes of August 19, 2015 - Paul Logan motioned to approve, Pat Andres seconded. Unanimous.

Office Report – Pat Andres and Paul Logan provided information on the current status of the office.

Finance Report – A brief discussion was held on the financial status of the BDC.

Public Comment – Clay Shofield of DPW stated a majority of the work will be done in the fall, however, lighting will be completed in the spring. Members held a discussion with Clay on the new location of handicap parking and redesign of the ramp. Paul Logan commented he did speak with Roger Parsons, Town Engineer, to discuss the ramp. Paul Logan suggested that the ramp be redesigned on the right hand side of the building not the left.

Common Victualer's License – The Commission discussed the common victualer material provided by Paul Logan. The premise of the bylaw requires businesses to take additional measures to conform to the ADA. This would be an additional step for those applying and re-applying for their common victualer license. The Town of Dennis was the first to adopt this type of bylaw.

Next steps: Sheila Mulcahy and Paul Logan to contact Tom Lynch, Town Manager, to request a meeting with he, Ann Canedy, and Richard Scali.

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Surveys – Jean Boyle will be attending the October meeting to discuss how to conduct a survey.

A brief discussion was held by the Board on which establishments need to be surveyed.

Other business –

It was determined that an update for the dining guide would be completed for 2017.

Jessica Sylver stated she can send out an email blast to her members informing them of the BDC and the dining guide.

Cape Cod Conservatory – A brief discussion was held on the request for funding from the Cape Cod Conservatory. Merrill Blum stated there is evidence based support that proves this type of therapy does yield results.

Paul Logan made a motion to give \$1750 towards the singing therapy class with the stipulation that once completed a report would be provided to the BDC showing information on Barnstable vs. Non Barnstable participants and the goals met, Jessica Sylver seconded. Merrill Blum abstained.

Paul Logan made a motion to adjourn at 11:52 p.m., Pat Andres seconded.

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)**

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