



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission

Minutes

April 20, 2016

10 a.m.

Barnstable Senior Center
Falmouth Rd Hyannis, MA 02601

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

Members present: Sheila Mulcahy, Chair; Merrill Blum; Vice Chair; Paula Breagy; Pat Andres; Paul Logan; Anne Mazzola; and Tammy Cunningham.

Others present: Cynthia Stead, Sight Loss Services; Kelvin Ing, Cape Cod Challenger Club; and Dick Andres.

Excused: Jessica Sylver

Public Comment:

Sight Loss Services:

Cynthia Stead made a presentation to the BDC on program offerings and Sight Loss Services Annual Report for 2015. Total cost of services provided to Barnstable residents is \$19,627.84.

Ms. Stead also discussed a couple of bills that are currently pending with the legislatures. The BDC asked Ms. Stead to send Ms. Mulcahy a sample letter that they could use to send in support of these bills.

Paul Logan made a motion to provide funding in the amount of \$2500 to Sight Loss Services for calendar year 2016, Merrill Blum seconded. Unanimous.

Cape Cod Challenger Club:

Kelvin Ing from the Cape Cod Challenger Club presented to the BDC on the history and program offerings of the Cape Cod Challenger Club. A discussion was held on the variety of programs offered. Approximately 400 participants attend the Challenger Club

programs with around 300 participants being from Barnstable. Ages of participants range from 4 to 60 years old.

All staff are volunteers. They are currently trying to raise enough funds to pay one administrator and building a program. Approximate cost of the playground is \$250,000.

The BDC asked Mr. Ing to send an email to Ms. Mulcahy to identify what program is in need of funding and the cost to run such program.

Approval of the minutes of March 16, 2016:

Paul Logan moved to approve, Merrill Blum seconded.

Office Report:

All calls received were resolved.

Financial Report:

A brief discussion was held on the current financial report.

Scholarship:

A brief discussion was held on scholarships. It was identified that next year the topic of scholarships should be discussed beginning in January.

Town Council Liaison:

Sheila Mulcahy stated she spoke with Jessica Rapp Grasetti and she was going to discuss with the Council once again. Paula Breagy was going to contact Mr. Hebert to discuss.

Common Victualer's license:

Sheila Mulcahy and Paul Logan provided an update on adding ADA requirements to the application of the common victualer licenses within the Town of Barnstable. The item has been brought before the Licensing Board on two separate occasions for discussion. Paul Logan stated changes are being made to the common victualers licensing policies relating to new establishments or licenses that are being transferred.

Merrill Blum made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m., Paula Breagy seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

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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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