



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission  
Minutes  
February 17, 2021  
via Zoom from 10 am to 12 pm

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

**Members present:** Paul Logan; Chair, Linda McKinney, Stephen Spillane, and Michael Hersey.

**Others Present:** Paul Hebert, Town Councilor and Liaison to Commission, Elizabeth Hartsgrove, Assistant Director of Planning, Paul Graves, Senior Project Manager, Chris Becker, DCP, Chris Clarke, Cape Cod Community College, Joe McKinnon, Cape Cod Community College, Jim Collins, Payette, Laura Devine, Seth Clark, Payette, Barry Heidke, DKM, and Tammy Cunningham, Asst. HR Director and staff liaison.

**Members Excused:** Sheila Mulcahy, Vice Chair, and Chris Bartley.

**Public comment** – None.

**Main Street/Route 6A Barnstable Village Accessible Parking Discussion** – Elizabeth Hartsgrove presented the project stating they have designed the inclusion of 2 handicap parking spaces to be located in the Barnstable Village area. The placement of these two spots has been looked at thoughtfully and equally. We have reached out to the Commission for their feedback and in addition a survey was sent out to Barnstable Village residents which yielded 22 responses.

Paul Graves spoke to the proposed locations chosen of the handicap spots on the west bound and east bound. He spoke to the importance of strategic placement of the spots to ensure accessibility guidelines criteria are met such as making sure there are no obstructions, curb cuts are there, and location by crosswalks, etc.

Paul Logan stated he appreciated the opportunity to review the proposed the locations. He encouraged members to complete the survey forwarded to each of them. He commented the proposed locations are perfect.

**Report from Architectural Access Board Variance Request Sub Committee – Cape Cod Community College proposed variance.**

Seth Clark of Payette stated they applied for a variance through the AAB which under initial review was declined with a hearing set for February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Jim Collins of Payette provided an overview of the project. The new building is on the south side almost in the center making the same level as the other buildings to make an accessible network of pathways and entry and exit to the buildings. There is one elevator planned for installation in the building. Total square footage of the new building is 39,000 square feet.

Michael Hersey asked if the old building would be going away. The response was yes.

The college is requesting the variance due the requirement of a ramp which would be 12 feet in length going back and forth and lead to nowhere.

Linda McKinney stated another elevator should have been considered. It was commented that the elevator being installed does a very large capacity

Steve Spillane asked if there was a lecture hall or large space for meeting in the new building. It was shared that all large events are held in the Performing Arts Center. A brief discussion was held on the inaccessibility of Cape Cod Melody Tent which is the venue used for graduation. Joe McKinnon added there are 4 more handicap parking spots located behind the solar canopy. In addition, they could hold commencement in parking lot 12.

While it was agreed that the variance being requested makes sense, the project overall missed the mark on making the campus more accessible.

Paul Logan added that he had brought to the College's attention years ago that the spaces located on the hill were not legal. He commented that there are 12 spots, but 4 are not accessible. He asked that they address this issue and bring into compliance. Joe McKinnon and Chris Clarke stated they will resolve this issue within the next year and a half.

Linda McKinney suggested signage in the parking lots to ensure people know how to get to the parking lots.

Mike Hersey made a motion to neither support nor oppose the variance request, Steve Spillane seconded. (2 ayes and 2 nays)

At this time, Michael Hersey and Steve Spillane left the meeting.

Approval of the minutes of January 20, 2021 – tabled until March meeting

All other business tabled until the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy L. Cunningham*

**The objective 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).**