



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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

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

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

Others Present: Roberta Miller; Cape Cod Art Center, Ann Canedy; Cape Cod Art Center, Jennie Grover; DAC, and Tammy Cunningham, Asst. HR Director and staff liaison.

Members Excused: Chris Bartley.

Public comment – None.

Approval of the minutes of January 20, 2021 – Steve Spillane moved to approve, Michael Hersey seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of the minutes of February 17, 2021 – Steve Spillane moved to approve, Michael Hersey seconded. Unanimous.

Cape Cod Art Center Request – Ann Canedy and Roberta Miller provided some background on the continued need for the use of the larger size elevator. The BDC encouraged CCAC to request a waiver from the larger size elevator. In addition, the pricing of elevators is increasing in cost.

Michael Hersey made a motion to provide no funding to CCAC. Sheila Mulcahy disagreed with the motion stating the BDC needs to support the art center and the BDC in the past has supported such organizations.

Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to grant \$5000 to the Art Center towards their project, Linda McKinney seconded. Discussion – Paul Logan stated formerly on the table was to grant \$2500 to the Art Center. Vote: 3 in favor – Sheila, Linda, and Steve. 2 not in favor – Mike Hersey and Paul Logan.

Closed captioning for the Town of Barnstable public meetings update – Tammy Cunningham stated the funding continues to be considered in the budget. In the interim, through Zoom, captioning can be turned on. It can only be captured in real time and does not allow the caption to be altered. It is a temporary measure being used until a permanent solution is considered for funding.

Barnstable Adult Community Center Office Space update – It was asked that Madeline Noonan and/or Donna Burns be invited to the April 21st meeting to discuss the proposed space and how they envision the BDC incorporating into their operations.

Posters Subcommittee – Steve Spillane stated he has been working with Alison Caron on incorporating the ADA and 504 with a clear message on civil rights and disabilities. Steve and Tammy discussed arranging for the posters to be dropped off at the School Administration building.

Scholarships Subcommittee – Linda McKinney provided an update stating she was getting ready to send out another email to the schools.

The BDC awards a total of 6 scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 to graduating seniors who have a documented disability or are going into a field supporting those with disabilities.

Report from Architectural Access Board Variance Request Subcommittee –

Paul Logan commented the variance request from Cape Cod Community College was approved by the AAB. The BDC discussed their disappointment with the College's lack of attentiveness to accessibility and the missed opportunities in creating a campus of inclusiveness and modeling accessible design. Cape Cod Community College came to the BDC at the last moment in their request for support.

It was shared with the BDC that CORD did not support the variance request. The BDC concluded they would be following up with a letter to the President of Cape Cod Community College expressing their disappointment in the approach and the importance on designing a campus where all abilities are included and able to be successful.

In addition, the BDC discussed ways to become more involved at the beginning of the design stages.

Mike Hersey stated he would reach out Brian Florence to have a discussion with him on ways the BDC can become more involved. March 18th there is a site plan review meeting being held for those who are able to participate.

Report from the Department of the Public Works Project Review subcommittee – No report.

Discussion on New and Ongoing Construction and Development Projects – Mike Hersey introduced a situation with handicap parking at the Hyannis Yacht Club. He approached the subject with HYC to move the handicap parking closer to the Yacht Club. The parking lot is shared with Veterans Beach. The BDC held a brief discussion on the matter and the current concerns with that lot.

Mike asked that the item be added to an upcoming agenda for discussion.

Paul Logan commented the parking lot has 114 total spaces with 5 access aisle spaces. The signs do not meet the height requirements as they are too high.

Next meeting to be held on April 21st at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 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).**