



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
May 14, 2024
via Zoom from 10 am to 12 pm

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

Members present: Paul Logan; Chair, Linda McKinney, Michael Hersey, Warren Rutherford, John Lundborn, Lori Gillen, Patty Ericson – Taylor, and Tammy Cunningham, Assistant Director of HR and ADA Coordinator.

Others Present: MacKenzie Bonaiuto of COD; John Gleason, Director of Recreation; Michelle Davies, Recreation Division, and Elizabeth Dahlen of Spaulding Adaptive Sports Center; and P.J. Kelliher, Structures & Grounds.

Members Excused: Sheila Mulcahy.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes of March 20, 2024 – Patty Ericson – Taylor moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024, John Lundborn seconded. Unanimous.

Speaker – Elizabeth Dahlen – Spaulding Adaptive Sports –

Highlights of discussion with Elizabeth Dahlen: All activities are modified to individuals, serve everyone of all abilities, 24 in person programs, 14 virtual programs, summer program runs in Brewster, Open house on May 15th with equipment demonstrations, looking for volunteers for programs, no referrals are needed, do not need to be a patient to participate, do not accept insurance, scholarships are given for hardships, and yoga and fencing are covered.

Discussion on Beaches –

John Gleason, Director of Recreation, provided an update on the status of the beaches. Years ago Smile Mass donated several surf chairs to Barnstable, however, since then they have fallen into disrepair. Roughly \$20,000 has been spent to repair the chairs. All beaches have a surf chair except for Joshua Pond and Millway Beach. Millway also had a mat but was removed due to safety concerns with the steep incline and slickness of the mat when wet.

There is money in the capital program to build a walkway ramp at Kalmus Beach. Patty Ericson – Taylor voiced concerns about the inaccessibility at Keyes Beach. John Gleason agreed to meet with Patty at Keyes to discuss.

Not all bathhouses at beaches are accessible. Covell's and Loop beach do not have an accessible restroom. Through the capital improvement program money is allocated towards improvements to facilities and town properties. We try our best to accommodate, however, it is based on funding granted. Currently, no money is in the CIP for Keyes beach.

A discussion was held on what is suitable for the location. Example is the inability to have a beach mat at Millway Beach. Does not feel a mobi mat will work at Keyes Beach.

Financial Report –Balance of \$49,479.17

Update on Common Victualler's License Ordinance – Paul Logan reported that he and Tammy met with Valerie Fletcher to discuss matter. Valerie is going to review and reconnect.

Lessons learned from Rotary Show – The Rotary Home & Garden show was a great success. It was a great opportunity to meet others and connect. A set of demonstration glasses was taken from booth. In future, need to mark that these are for demonstration only and not to be removed. Recommendation is to attend again.

ADA Self – Evaluation and Transition Plan – It was recommended to invite Dan Santos, DPW Director, and Mark Marinaccio, Town Architect, to discuss the Capital Improvement Projects and incorporation of the ADA transition plan.

Warren Rutherford will reconnect with Kate Maldonado and Elizabeth Jenkins to talk about the two-way Main Street project.

Report from Posters Subcommittee – John Lundborn reported he hopes to have a draft soon.

Report from Scholarships Sub Committee – Linda McKinney stated Sturgis is looking for consideration to add an additional scholarship. A determination was made that the amount of scholarships and value would stay the same.

Reports from Mass AAB Variance Request SubCommittee/DPW Reviews/TOB Projects –

No information to report

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

A brief discussion was held on the updating of the dining guide and Unity Day.

Motion to adjourn by Warran Rutherford at 11:58 am, Tammy Cunningham seconded.
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy L. Cunningham

**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).**