



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission  
Minutes  
June 17, 2024  
via Zoom from 10 am to 12 pm

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

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

**Others Present:** None

**Members Excused:** John Lundborn.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes of May 15, 2024** – Linda McKinney corrected the spelling of the scholarship recipient's last name which should be Blanco. Lori Gillen made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2024, Linda McKinney seconded. (7 Ayes and 1 Abstain (MH))

**Speaker (Eileen Elias, Chair of No Place for Hate)** – Eileen Elias, Chair of No Place for Hate, spoke to the BDC about their mission and discussing that they encompass many different things, but is primarily hate that students face every day. She discussed they have seen an increase in hate in grades 5 through 7. There is a steering group made up of representatives from Barnstable, Cape National Association for the Advanced of Color People, Barnstable Police Department, and advocacy organizations.

The group has regular meetings with Dr. Ahern, Superintendent of Schools, to discuss the school environment and race - based issues. Bystander trainings are held for youths and adults with the information listed on their website. A brief discussion was then held on the current climate about race and ways to get involved.

**Financial Report** - \$50,242.42 is the current balance.

**Update on Common Victualler's License Ordinance** – Working with Institute for Human Centered Design to explore creative solutions.

**ADA Self Evaluation & Transition plan** – Tammy Cunningham reported she had been contacted recently to review a few town projects within DPW.

**Report from Posters Subcommittee** – tabled until next month.

**Report from Scholarships Sub Committee** – Linda McKinney received two names from Project Forward – Cape Cod Community College, Cameron Sharp and Riley Lehane.

Since Riley Lehane was a repeat recipient from last year. A brief discussion was then held on how to address. Sheila Mulcahy made a motion that if a scholarship recipient has received a

scholarship prior and there are other recipients that have been put forward for consideration the recipient will go to the end of the line, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

Linda McKinney made a motion to approve the \$2000 scholarships be awarded to Riley Lehane and Cameron Sharp, Sheila Mulcahy seconded. Unanimous.

***Reports from Mass. AAB Variance Request subcommittee/DPW Review Subcommittee*** – No report.

***Keyes Beach – Access update*** - Paul Logan reported John Gleason has purchased the Mobi – Mats but due to where the mats need to be placed, Recreation must go to before the Conservation Commission for an Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA). The RDA has been placed on the agenda for July 9<sup>th</sup>.

***Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair*** –

A brief discussion was held on outdoor dining and tables and chairs not impeding having adequate sidewalk access.

Elections – Elections will be held in July. Paul Logan asked that individuals put forward their nominations including self – nominations.

Warran Rutherford stated that his term is ending and he will not be renewing his membership. Michael Hersey also commented he is also declining to renew.

Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to nominate Paul Logan as Chair and John Lundborn as Vice Chair, Michael Hersey seconded. Votes will take place in July.

Sheila Mulcahy commented her row to recovery group has grown with 5 new members with 3 being Barnstable residents.

***BDC Awareness Publicity Project (CCRTA Event/Fairs/Shows)*** –

Lori Gillen mentioned an upcoming event being held on July 14<sup>th</sup> that she can register to attend on behalf of the BDC. Sheila stated she can attend and assist.

Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to approve reimbursing Lori Gillen \$20 for the cost of July 14<sup>th</sup> registration and Unity Day, Lori Gillen seconded. Unanimous.

Motion to adjourn by Warran Rutherford at 11:46 am, Michael Hersey 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).**