

# BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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## Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes July 16, 2025 via Zoom from 10 am to 12 pm

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

**Members present:** Paul Logan; Chair, John Lundborn; Vice Chair, Patty Ericson – Taylor, Inna Podgornaya, Eileen Elias, Lori Gillen, MacKenzie Bonaiuto, Linda McKinney, and Tammy Cunningham, Deputy Director of HR and ADA Coordinator.

**Others Present:**, Brian LaCroix, Parking Manager and Transportation Coordinator

**Members Excused:** Sheila Mulcahy

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes of June 18, 2025** – MacKenzie Bonaiuto moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2025, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

**Speaker** – MacKenzie Bonaiuto of CORD provided an informative presentation on Cape Organization for Rights of the Disabled (CORD) which is the Center for Active Living located on the Cape. CORD is a federally recognized nonprofit who provide services and supports to individuals who are disabled.

**Financial Report/Grant Request from DLC/Strategy for Grants** - \$36,491.34 is the current balance.

Brian LaCroix stated he is seeing an increase in individuals who are not using placards appropriately. This is an offense where tickets can be issued, and tickets are being issued, but the individuals are visiting the office and responding for upset and angry.

The Barnstable Disability Commission discussed with Brian strategies and ways to address. The next poster will focus on the do's and don'ts for placard use. In addition, it was discussed embarking on an educational segment to include publicity such as a podcast to talk about handicap parking.

A discussion was held on developing criteria for addressing grant proposals. It was commented that the term grant should not be used, but rather donation or funding request. It was stated that a report is requested on the status of the funding granted and there are criteria so the funding request could be called a grant. Item continued for discussion.

***Nominations for Elections*** – The nominations proposed were as follows: Paul Logan, Chair; John Lundborn, Vice Chair; and Tammy Cunningham, Treasurer/Secretary. MacKenzie Bonaiuto moved to approve the slate as presented, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

***Local Access Issues –***

Confirmation of the resolution of parking matter at Whole Foods has not yet happened.

At BJ's Wholesale Club, the placement of the sign on the posts continues to be incorrect and is still too high.

Eileen Elias shared that seven handicap parking spots are being temporarily added at BHS for the Cape Symphony performances.

The group discussed restrooms at Baxter's Restaurant not being accessible. The establishment does have a portable restroom, but the restrooms inside are antiquated.

A couple of members of the Barnstable Disability Commission visited the Cancer Center with the Vice President, Project Manager, and a few other key members who worked on the project to go over accessibility related issues. Some of the changes have already been made with other items still pending.

***Report from the Posters Subcommittee*** – John Lundborn will be making the do's and don't's of placard use a priority for the upcoming poster.

Confirmation was made that the invoice received by Alison Caron can be submitted for payment.

***Report from the Scholarships Subcommittee –***

Paul Logan will provide information to Tammy Cunningham for discussion with the Communications Director on publication of the information.

***Reports from Mass. AAB Variance Request Subcommittee/DPW Review Subcommittee***  
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The property of 181 North Street has been provided additional time on their variance request.

3046 Main Street, Old County Courthouse, in Barnstable, is currently undergoing renovations. They will be completing the work in phases with improvements to access being completed in the next phase of the project.

***ADA Self – Evaluation and Transition Plan update*** – A brief discussion was had on pending matters.

***BDC Awareness Publicity (Events/Fairs/Shows) -***

On July 25<sup>th</sup> Long Pasture is hosting a day on accessibility. A few members will be in attendance.

Safety Day is being held at BACC in September.

Unity Day is being held on the Hyannis Village Green on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Margaritaville has the first accessible bar in Barnstable.

Motion to adjourn by Linday McKinney at 12:02 pm, MacKenzie Bonaiuto seconded.  
Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy L. Cunningham*