



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Christopher Bartley  
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Stephen Spillane

Barnstable Disability Commission  
Minutes  
August 19, 2020  
via Zoom from 10 to 12 pm

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

**Members present:** Paul Logan, Chair, Linda McKinney, Chris Bartley, Stephen Spillane, and Tammy Cunningham.

Members excused: Sheila Mulcahy, Vice Chair.

**Approval of the minutes of July 15, 2020** – Stephen Spillane moved to approve, Chris Bartley seconded. Unanimous.

**Financial Report** – Current balance is \$60,471.17.

**Scholarships** – Linda McKinney stated with the pandemic this year it was challenging getting scholarship recipient award information from the schools, however, she did recently receive some updates. Barnstable High School awarded two scholarships. Project Forward has submitted another name. Sturgis has submitted their name for awarding of a scholarship.

The names are as follows; Emma Redford, Barnstable High School; Chloe Higgins, Barnstable High School; Benjamin Dawley, Project Forward; and Harrison Schorr, Sturgis.

Linda McKinney made a motion to award these students scholarships in the amount of \$1250, as they have met our criteria and would like to continue their education, Stephen Spillane seconded. Unanimous.

**Barnstable Disability Commission By-Laws** – Chris Bartley suggested modifying the BDC pre-authorization amount for spending from \$200 to a lower amount.

**Discussion on variance requests to Architectural Access Board** – Paul Logan stated the only variance outstanding is the Kettle Ho Restaurant. He will contact the AAB to find out the status.

**Discussion on surveying of Town Properties and Buildings** – Chris Bartley brought up a few observations concerning lack of access on Main Street. Some establishments did not do a great job addressing access. Some do not provide equal access for those wheelchairs and strollers.

Paul Logan stated he did reach out to a few establishments and all but one complied. Complaints can be made to the AAB. It is always best to make the owner/manager aware as we do not want to cause an issue. The consensus of the Commission is public and private establishments need to work together on these matters and support each other.

***Discussion on Wheelchair Access on Main Street*** – CORD reached out to Town of Barnstable Planning and Development to discuss areas lacking access on Main Street. They said they were not consulted and have made numerous calls to restaurants. Steve Spillane stated he would check on the locations they are suggesting portable ramps.

***Discussion on Submittal of application for Mass. Office of Disability Grant*** – A discussion was held on the submittal of a grant to MOD to secure the services of a consultant to create a Self-Evaluation plan and Transition plan. Steve Spillane stated he is continuing to offer reviewing grant applications. Chris Bartley stated he would like to be involved with this.

Steve Spillane moved that the BDC move forward with submitting a grant application to MOD, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

***Discussion on surveying of town properties and buildings*** – No new business.

***Report from the Department of Public Works Project Review Subcommittee*** – No new projects. Chris Bartley asked if we had any information relating to Comfort Inn as they are under construction. No information on file.

***Report from the Posters Sub Committee*** – Steve Spillane stated he would contact the Graphic Artist to discuss. Steve Spillane and Linda McKinney would also like to reach out to Sara Beal to discuss a piece on channel 18.

Chris Bartley mentioned the Park Happy campaign and the branding/social media campaign they have created. He suggested a similar approach for the BDC.

***New business*** –

Tammy Cunningham commented that Steve Sundelin has made her aware that they will be replacing the ramp at Kalmus Beach next year.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 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)**