



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
May 19, 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: Paul Hebert; Town Councilor, Valerie Fletcher; Executive Director of Institute of Human Centered Design, Ana Julien; Institute of Human Centered Design, Donna Marie Burns; Director of Council on Aging, Mona Solmonte; Parking Manager and Transportation Coordinator and Tammy Cunningham, Asst. HR Director and staff liaison.

Public comment – None.

MOD Grant Update – Valerie Fletcher and Ana Julien of IHCD, consultants hired to oversee the surveying and development of the Town's Self Evaluation and Transition plan, provided an update to the BDC on the status of the project and areas of focus. The discussion included a review of public rights of ways, sidewalks, accessible public restrooms, beach mats, and chairs. A comment was made on the lack of accessibility on town docks.

Approval of the minutes of April 21, 2021 – Sheila Mulcahy moved to approve, Michael Hersey seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion on Availability of Office Space at Barnstable Adult Community Center – Donna Marie Burns stated BACC recently went through a rebranding to look at aging across the lifespan. Ms. Burns stated they would like to make a space available to the Barnstable Disability Commission. If the BDC decides to accept the space for use, the decision on who will cover the space and how frequently will need to be determined. Linda McKinney stated she would prefer to access the meetings remotely.

Financial Update – Current balance is \$58,607.45

Scholarships Subcommittee – Linda McKinney shared with the BDC that she had received a great letter from Barnstable High School with the names of the scholarship recipients. Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to award Samantha VanLieu and Cayleigh Malone each a scholarship in the amount of \$1,250, Steve Spillane seconded. Unanimous.

Linda McKinney stated Sturgis is very hard to reach to discuss. Paul Logan recommended reaching out to the Executive Director.

Cape Cod Art Center Request – No update.

Report from Posters Sub Committee – Steve Spillane stated he is working with Alison on a new poster design. Mike Hersey made a motion to allocate an expenditure of up to \$300 for the creation of a poster, Steve Spillane seconded. Unanimous.

Local Rapid Recovery Program from Mass. Downtown Initiative (MDI) – No business.

Report from the Architectural Access Board variance request – No business.

Report from the Department of Public Works Project Review Sub Committee - No business.

Discussion on New and Ongoing Construction and Development Projects – Tammy Cunningham advised the BDC that she had learned from Lynne Poyant the budget request for funding of closed captioning had been denied. The Commission shared their disappointment with this decision. The cost of this project in comparison to the total budget is such a small amount, but would provide a huge impact in terms of accessibility and inclusiveness.

Next Disability Commission meeting to be held on June 16, 2021 at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham