



## BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission  
Minutes  
June 15, 2022  
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, Jerilyn DiCostanzo, Paula Breagy, John Lundborn, and Warren Rutherford.

**Others Present:** Ian Ives, Mass. Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary, Paul Hebert, Town Councilor Liaison and Tammy Cunningham, Asst. HR Director and staff liaison.

**Members Absent:** Michael Hersey and Brian Freeman.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of the minutes of May 18, 2022** – Warren Rutherford moved to approve as amended, Sheila Mulcahy seconded. Unanimous

**Presentation by Ian Ives, Director, Mass. Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary** – Ian Ives provided background on Long Pasture and the steps Mass. Audubon has taken to become universally designed. Trails and features are being designed to meet or exceed ADA standards. Mr. Ives commented that there are no universally adopted regulations for trail designs. Used as a resource is the United States Forestry Services Accessibility Guidelines.

Specific to Long Pasture, the property has multiple access points. Currently, this property is 1 of 6 that does not have an all persons trail. They are in the discovery process of the design of such a trail and seeking feedback. The trail could be open as early as next fall.

The Commission discussed hosting their August meeting at Long Pasture to conduct a site visit with Mr. Ives. Tammy Cunningham will check to ensure that the BDC is able to hold a meeting at Long Pasture and the posting requirements.

**Financial report** – Current balance is \$48,242.15.

**Increase cost of Portable Accessible request to \$6000** – A lengthy discussion was held on the increasing costs of the portable accessible restrooms. The topics focused on the town determining a permanent solution to these locations as opposed to funding \$6000 and more per year for a temporary solution. In addition, members felt the Town should be assisting in the funding of these restrooms. A suggestion of a permanent self-composting toilet was made, however, they are expensive.

After much discussion, John Lundborn made a motion to increase the funding of the portable accessible restrooms located at Loop Beach, Covell's Beach, and Gary Brown Boat Ramp to not

exceed \$6000, Linda McKinney seconded. Vote: 5 Ayes and 2 Nays (Sheila Mulcahy and Paula Breagy)

During discussion, Sheila and Paula shared they feel the Town should be sharing the increased cost and coming up with permanent solutions to address.

Paul Logan asked that Joe Marshall, Division Supervisor of Structures & Grounds, be invited to the July meeting to discuss the matter.

***Nominations for Annual Election*** - Sheila Mulcahy nominated Paul Logan for Chair, John Lundborn seconded. Linda McKinney nominated Sheila Mulcahy for Vice Chair, Jerilyn DiCostanzo seconded. Nominations were closed. Vote for Chair (1 abstain – Paul Logan) Vote for Vice Chair (1 abstain – Sheila Mulcahy) Motions passed.

***MOD Grant update*** – Still in the process of releasing the draft document and proceeding with public comment.

***Report from the posters sub-committee*** – No update provided.

***Report from Scholarships sub-committee*** – Tammy Cunningham informed the Commission that a recipient from last year, Riley Walker, had also been awarded a scholarship for this year as well. The scholarship criteria as well as the process the schools follow for nomination were discussed. The Commission opined that based on the schools recommendation and qualifications the individual is deserving of the award.

It was suggested that the gold information sheet be included with the scholarship information.

Discussion on Common Victuallers License – No new news was reported. Warren Rutherford and Paul Logan to discuss.

***Barnstable Adult Community Center Office Hours*** – The schedule is as follows:

July – Jerilyn DiCostanzo  
August – Paul Logan  
September – Paula Breagy

***Report form MA AAB Variance Request sub-committee/DPW Sub Committee*** –

No business.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair –

Veterans Beach was discussed and the wheelchair area that includes a ramp which ends in the sand. The sand constantly needs to be backfilled to ensure there is no drop off. DPW was contacted to back fill area with sand.

Barnstable High School Performing Arts Center and the matter pertaining to no handrails have been resolved.

Next Disability Commission meeting will be held on July 20, 2022 at 10 am.

Warren Rutherford moved to adjourn, Jerilyn DiConstanzo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

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).**