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BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Christopher Bartley Linda McKinney Stephen Spillane

Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes December 16, 2020 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, Chris Bartley, Stephen Spillane, and Michael Hersey.

Others Present: Mona Solmonte; Parking and Transportation Manager and Tammy Cunningham, Asst. HR Director and staff liaison.

Public comment – None.

Approval of the minutes of November 18, 2020 – Michael Hersey moved to approve, Linda McKinney seconded. Unanimous.

Financial Report – Current balance is \$56,554.80.

MOD Grant update – Tammy Cunningham reported that to date the Town has not heard from Mass. Office of Disability on the status of Barnstable's grant submittal.

Posters Subcommittee – Steve Spillane stated he was awaiting a response from Alison on the ideas that were shared with her from the last BDC meeting.

Report from the AAB Variance Request Subcommittee – Paul Logan stated TFG Hospitality Group has no disabled parking at the 9 hole golf course. He will contact the General Manager.

A copy of a variance request from Cape Cod Community College was reviewed. It was requested that a copy of the variance request be sent to Paul, Sheila, and Michael for follow up discussion.

Report from the Department of Public Works Project Review subcommittee - None.

Discussion on new and ongoing Construction and Development Projects – The next Site Plan review meeting is scheduled for December 17th at 9 am. Home Depot is proposing to take over the AC Moore building to expand the square footage.

Cape Cod Arts Center – The BDC had a brief discussion on the Arts Center request for funding. It was asked the Tammy Cunningham contact Roberta Miller and Ann Canedy with outstanding questions. Once the additional information is received the BDC will then make a decision on the request. Item followed up on next month.

Report on Scholarships SubCommittee – Tabled to next month.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair -

A discussion was held on the BDC members utilizing the handicap parking violation notifications/tickets put out by the Mass. Office of Disability. After much discussion, it was determined BDC members would not be utilizing such tickets in the capacity of their role as a BDC member. Tammy Cunningham advised the BDC that years ago members were permitted to give tickets to violators, but the Chief of Police at the time ended that practice. Since that time the Town of Barnstable now has a dedicated division to overseeing this function. Mona Solmonte continued to request that if members see violations to contact her and she can send someone out to the location.

Chris Bartley advised members that at a recent Cape Cod Young Professionals meeting he met a man by the name of Jason Schwartz who is a American Sign Language Interpreter. Chris is going to send his contact information to the Commissioners.

Linda McKinney will complete her conflict of interest training.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 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).