



Center Fire Station Groton, MA
ADA Transition Plan

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation/Site Access Survey for the Town of Groton

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**Center Fire Station
Address: 45 Farmers Row
Fire Chief Steele McCurdy
(978) 448-6333
Reviewed by the Commission on Accessibility
December 10, 2018**

Present today were:

*Michelle Collette, Town of Groton ADA Coordinator
Consultant James Lyons, Northeast Independent Living Program Inc.
Consultant Grant Murphy, Northeast Independent Living Program Inc.*

Center Fire Station was surveyed by the team described above on June 27, 2018. This station was built in 2014, and the architects were Dore and Whittier, Inc. of Newburyport, Massachusetts. In fact, the Town of Groton hired Dore & Whittier and CR architecture + design team to develop the plans for the two-story station with four drive-through apparatus bays. The Town developed building design concepts to conform to the agrarian nature of this rural community. We were informed that the project required effective cooperation with the Town, the Lawrence Homestead Trust (former landowner), the Historic Districts Commission and residents, and ultimately received support from the townspeople.

The scope of this report is to identify barriers in programs & activities that might prevent persons with disabilities from access to Center Fire Station and the programs, activities, and services provided at Center Fire Station. The key to our success is to provide equivalent access to the maximum extent feasible to everyone, regardless of disability. This report includes an inventory (and details) of the property where structural modifications are needed to make facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. Since this is the foundation for the ADA Transition Plan, we recommend The Town maintain it on file/available for public inspection for 5 years from date of completion. This ADA Evaluation includes all of the publicly accessed areas of the Center Fire Station.

In our opinion the following issues were found:

We were impressed with much of the ADA compliance at the site. In fact, The Town has provided some ADA improvements at the station. In my opinion the following issues were found:

Parking-The evaluation team has identified that there are no ADA issues in the parking lot of the Fire Station. The above ground signs, as well as the surfaces, Van Accessible parking were properly constructed by the Town during the construction in 2014.

Entrance- The ADA Team found no ADA issues at the entrance to the Fire Station. For example, all door hardware throughout the facility are comprised of the ADA accessible paddle type hardware, etc. We found that the door opening pressures are within the ADA recommendations, etc.

Kitchen and other amenities-The team found that there is an accessible kitchen, but a trash bin is blocking access to the accessible sink and needs to be removed. We recommend that it be relocated.

Restrooms-The team found that in first of the 2nd Floor Unisex bathrooms do not provide a soap dispenser. We recommend that an accessible dispenser be installed to increase accessibility. Examples of where to acquire ADA soap dispensers are included with this report.

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Examples where to find ADA Accessible soap dispensers:
(ADA compliant soap dispensers)

163 Highland Ave
Needham, MA 02494
more with Staples Brand Products



Brighton Professional™ LTX-12 Touch-Free Foam Soap Dispenser, Black

\$11.99 \$21.99

Price:

\$21.99

Instant Savings:

-\$10.00

\$11.99*

Each



Brighton Professional™ Touch-Free Foam Soap Dispenser
\$11.99



Brighton Professional™ LTX-7 Touch-Free Foam Soap Dispenser, Black/Chrome, 700 mL
\$11.99



Brighton Professional™ LTX-7 Touch-Free Foam Soap Dispenser, Black
\$11.99



Brighton Professional ADX-7 Foam Soap Dispenser, Black/Chrome
\$7.89 \$8.49