

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013, 3:00 PM
MINUTES**

Chairman Fleischer called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

Members present: Fleischer, Baxendale, Rechsteiner & Taylor

Members absent: Harker, Shack & Vega

Also present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette

GROTON DUNSTABLE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Community Access Monitor Michelle Collette said she sent a letter to the Groton Dunstable Regional School District along with the complaint submitted by resident Paul Funch regarding lack of universally accessible seating at the Performing Arts Center.

Building and Grounds Manager Steve Byrnes and Performing Arts Center Director Karen Tuoumi stopped by Town Hall the following day and spoke with Building Commissioner Ed Cataldo and Ms. Collette to address the Commission and Mr. Funch's concerns. They said appropriate measures would be taken to add the required seating by September 2013.

EVENT PARKING

Member Ellen Baxendale expressed concern about lack of accessible parking for outdoor community events such as the Memorial Day Parade, July 4th Fireworks, Firemen's Muster, Grotonfest, the Farmers Market, etc. The Commission will reach out to event coordinators to ask that accessible parking be provided.

ON-GOING CONCERNS

The Commission would also like to follow up with the Police Chief regarding the recommendations in the MRPC Walkability Study. The Selectmen will discuss pedestrian access issues at its meeting on July 1, 2013. The Commission would like to see a crosswalk added on Mill Street near its intersection with Route 119.

TOWN MEETING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Member Ellen Baxendale updated the Commission on the work of the Town Meeting Review Committee. She urged Commission members to return the surveys on Town Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on August 12, 2013 at 3:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator