

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013, 3:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Members present: Fleischer, Baxendale, Harker, Taylor & Vega

Members absent: Rechsteiner & Shack

Also present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette and SLI Russell Ross

MEETING WITH COA DIRECTOR

The Commission met with Counsel on Aging Director Kathy Shelp to discuss sharing a table at Grotonfest and other common concerns. Commission members volunteered to help staff the table and hand out information on the 9-1-1 Disability Indicator Form and statement about who the Commission on Accessibility is and what it does. The need for accessible bathrooms and parking was discussed. ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette will contact Jane Bouvier, Grotonfest organizer, to discuss the concerns.

The Commission and Ms. Shelp also discussed working on a video about the services provided by the Senior Center including the transportation van that accommodates people with disabilities.

TRAILS VISION COMMITTEE

Trails Committee Chairman met with the Commission to request a representative on the Trails Vision Committee. Mr. Funch said the Committee is working with the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission on a plan for a regional trail system as envisioned in the Master Plan and Open Space & Recreational Plan. Member Taylor volunteered to serve on the Trails Vision committee. Member Vega volunteered to serve as an alternate member.

The motion was made by Harker, seconded by Baxendale, to recommend appointment of Alan Taylor as the Commission's representative to the Trails Vision Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion was made by Harker, seconded by Baxendale, to recommend appointment of Alan Vega as the Commission's alternate to the Trails Vision Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION

The Commission voted unanimously to elect Bob Fleischer as Chairman, Scott Harker as Vice Chairman.

The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2013 at 3:00 PM. *(Note: this date was changed to November 4, 2013 due to a conflict with Town Meeting.)*

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator