

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014 at 4:00 PM
MINUTES**

Chairman Fleischer called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

Members present: Fleischer, Baxendale, Harker & Rechsteiner

Members absent: Shack, Taylor & Vega

Also present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette

REORGANIZATION

Chairman Fleischer nominated Harker as chairman. Member Baxendale nominated Fleischer as Chairman. The Commission voted, with three in favor and one opposed, to elect Bob Fleischer as Chairman. The Committee voted unanimously to elect Rechsteiner as Vice Chairman and Taylor as Clerk.

MEETING WITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN – JULY 28, 2014

The Committee discussed the upcoming meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board on Monday, July 28, 2014 at 7:15 PM to discuss pedestrian safety and parking issues in the Town Center. Improving universal accessibility and safety at crosswalks is a goal of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission also recommended a number of implementation measures in the “Walkability Report,” dated September 2012. The Commission has discussed its concerns regarding safety at intersections with the Police Chief and sent a letter dated June 12, 2014 to the Board of Selectmen (see attached).

GROTONFEST

The Commission will share a booth at Grotonfest with the Council on Aging. Members will discuss handouts and other informational material at its next meeting.

COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS

The Commission received a verbal complaint regarding the yoga studio at 134 Main Street. Students leave their shoes and sneakers in the corridor creating an obstruction to the bakery, studio, and bathroom facilities. ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette will contact the owner of the yoga studio and ask them to remedy the situation.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 4:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator