

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 at 4:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

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

Members absent: Shack

Also present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette and Sign Language Interpreter
Christina Stockin

MEETING WITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Committee discussed the 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. Members agreed that the Planning Board did a good job, but there was some concern that the discussion did not have enough urgency. The issues were well described, but there was no timeline for the proposed improvements to be implemented. ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette said the Town is working with Bank of America and Citizens Bank to combine their parking lots to provide more public parking in the Town Center.

TOWN HALL PARKING

Member Ellen Baxendale said there is not enough accessible parking at Town Hall for people attending meetings such as the Board of Selectmen's meeting. More than one space is needed. ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette said the parking regulations require one parking space per 180 square feet of office space. The Town Hall has 10,000 square feet so 55 spaces are required. The Architectural Access Board and ADA Regulations require 3 accessible parking spaces for parking lots with 51-75 spaces. Therefore, more than one accessible space should be provided for Town Hall.

The motion was made by Baxendale, seconded by Harker, to request that a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the need for more accessible parking at Town Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

GROTONFEST

The Commission will share a booth at Grotonfest with the Council on Aging. Members discussed handouts and other informational material to be provided including the names of members of the Commission and the 9-1-1 Disability Indicator Form. The Commission will request that more accessible parking be provided at the Boutwell School parking lot.

COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS

Member Harker noted that many parking lots should be restriped so accessible parking spaces are more visible. He suggested doing an investigation to determine which parking lots are in compliance.

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The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2014 at 4:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator