

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015 at 4:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

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

Members absent: Rechsteiner and Shack

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

CPC APPLICATION - ADA SELF-EVALUATION/TRANSITION PLAN

The Commission reviewed its application to the Community Preservation Committee for \$6000 for the Northeast Independent Living Program (NEILP) to prepare the ADA Self-Evaluation/Transition plan of the Town's parks, playgrounds, and open space sites.

The motion was made by Baxendale, seconded by Harker, to support the request for CPC funds at the Spring Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

GROTON SCHOOL VARIANCE APPLICATION TO THE AAB

The Commission received a copy of the application for a variance submitted by Groton School to the Architectural Access Board. The application is for the locker rooms in the Athletic Center. The Commission had no comments on the application.

COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS

Member Harker expressed concern about people driving with the disabilities placard hanging from their mirror. Mr. Harker said the placard should only be displayed when the vehicle is parked. He will follow up with the Police Chief about this concern. He requested that the matter be discussed at the Commission's meeting on May 11, 2015.

Member Harker also expressed concern that the Board of Selectmen appointed Commission members as "Special Municipal Employees," as designed in the Conflict of Interest laws. The Selectmen made the appointment so Chairman Robert Fleischer could continue to be an employee of the Local Access Cable TV.

Member Harker said the Selectmen should have consulted with the Commission first.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 4:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator