## COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018, 4:00 PM MINUTES

Chairman Baxendale called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM at the Groton Commons Community Room, 74 Willowdale Avenue.

Members present: Baxendale, Fleischer, Shack, and Taylor

Members absent: Barron, Sutton, and Vega

Also present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette and resident Jane Fry

## ADA TRANSITIION PLAN

ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette said the Spring Town Meeting approved the line-item transfer of \$15,000 to update the ADA Transition Plan for Town buildings prepared in 1996. Jim Lyons and Grant Murphy of the Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP) will evaluate buildings on Wednesday afternoons on the following dates:

- May 30 Town Hall & Groton Public Library (both renovated in 1998)
- June 13 Groton Country Club (used for Precincts 2 & 3)
- June 20 Prescott School (leased to Groton-Dunstable Schools & Friends of Prescott)
- June 27 Center Fire Station (new construction in 2014) and Lost Lake Fire Station (renovated in 2004)
- July 11 ADA Training at Town Hall, 10 AM to 3 PM
- July 18 GELD (new construction in 2015), Public Safety Building (new construction in 1990), Legion Hall & DPW-Transfer Station

Commission members are welcome to attend and participate in the evaluation process.

## **COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS**

**Sign Language Interpreters** - ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette said she requested sign language interpreters for Commission meetings through the Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Unfortunately, no interpreters have been available for many months. She said she will inquire about CART Interpreters, but they are usually used for larger group meetings. She suggested talking with the Town's IT Director to see if there are any technical options that could be used for the Commission's regular meetings.

Mill Run Plaza – ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette said Robert Collins submitted a written complaint dated June 11, 2018 regarding difficulty accessing medical offices in Mill Run Plaza resulting from the deteriorating condition of the sidewalks. At the meeting on April 9, 2018, Chairman Baxendale had a complaint about accessing physical therapy offices because there are steps between the accessible parking spaces and front door. The Commission will ask representatives from the Mill Run Plaza Condominium Association to attend the meeting on July 9, 2018 at 2 PM at Town Hall to discuss possible solutions. The Commission will also ask the NILP for recommendations.

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## **NEXT MEETING**

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette ADA Coordinator