

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018, 3:00 PM
MINUTES**

Chairman Baxendale called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM at the Groton Commons Community Room, 74 Willowdale Avenue.

Members present: Baxendale, Barron, Shack, Sutton, and Taylor

Members absent: Fleischer and Vega

Also present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette, Jim Lyons and Grant Murphy of the Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP), SLI Sirena Lemieux, and residents Judy Anderson and Jane Fry

MILL RUN PLAZA SELF EVALUATION-TRANSITION PLAN

The Commission reviewed the recommendations in the Mill Run Plaza Self Evaluation-Transition Plan, prepared by the Northeast Independent Living Program, as revised at the Commission meeting on July 9, 2018. ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette reported that some, but not all, of the improvements had been installed. The deadline for most items is December 31, 2018. The Mill Run Condominium Association has not reimbursed the Town for the cost of the NILP site visit and preparation of the Transition Plan. The motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Shack, to send a letter to the Mill Run Plaza Condominium Association reminding them about the deadline and unpaid invoice. The motion passed unanimously.

ADA SELF EVALUATION-TRANSITION PLAN FOR TOWN BUILDINGS

The Commission continued its review of the draft Self-Evaluation Transition Plans for ten (10) Town-owned buildings. The plans were prepared by Jim Lyons and Grant Murphy of the Northeast Independent Living Program.

Progress update includes:

Prescott School – The new ramp to the basement has been installed, but there are handrails where required. There are no automatic door openers on the accessible entrance, the hardware in the bathroom stalls has not been replaced, and the accessible parking signs have not been installed.

Groton Country Club – Mr. Lyons of the NILP said the Disability Law Center requested that the NILP inspect Groton's polling locations on Election Day on November 6, 2018. The Country Club is the polling location for Precincts 2 & 3. Member Sutton expressed concern that the voting booths at the Country Club are too high for people using wheelchairs. ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette will speak with the Town Clerk about her concern.

Fire Stations – Members expressed concerns, about accessibility issues at the Lost Lake Fire Station, which is being used as a temporary Senior Center. Problems include the lack of a sign at the accessible parking space, difficulty opening doors, and clutter in the hallway blocking access to the restrooms.

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Members also had concerns about the new Center Fire Station. The front door is heavy and difficult to open, the training room door sticks, and the crash bars need adjusting.

ADA Coordinator said she would speak with the Fire Chief and COA Director about the Commission's concerns.

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The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 20, 2018.

NEXT MEETING

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Town Hall for the public hearing on the Self Evaluation-Transition Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator