

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019, 3:00 PM
MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Fleischer called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM at the Groton Commons Community Room, 74 Willowdale Road

Members present: Fleischer, Shack, and Taylor

Members absent: Baxendale, Barron, Sutton, and Vega

Others present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette, Conservation Administrator Nik Gualco, and resident Jane Fry

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

Conservation Administrator Nik Gualco met with the Commission on Accessibility to discuss the Open Space and Recreation Plan recently submitted by the Conservation Commission to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Mr. Gualco said the Town received a letter dated May 24, 2019 from Melissa Cryan, Grant Programs Supervisor, stating that the section on ADA compliance is not complete. ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette said the Commission on Accessibility worked with the Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP) on a Self-Evaluation/Transition Plan the following 24 properties in 2015:

1. Baddacook Pond Boat Launch
2. Bates Conservation Land
3. Bertozzi Wildlife Area
4. Cow Pond Brook Fields
5. Cutler Field
6. Farmer's and Mechanics (Jenkins Road)
7. Fitch's Bridge
8. Flat Pond
9. Gamlin Crystal Springs Area
10. Hazel Grove Park
11. Knowles Siding
12. Lawrence Playground
13. Legion Common
14. Lost Lake Boat Launch
15. Nashua River Rail Trail
16. Petapawaug Canoe Launch Area
17. Rich State Forest
18. Rider Basketball Court
19. Sargisson Beach
20. Surrenden Farm
21. Town Forest

- 22. Wheeler Park
- 23. Williams Barn
- 24. Woitiwicz Field

Mr. Gualco said the DCR would like the Town to evaluate the remaining open space and parks evaluated. The Commission could submit an article for the Fall Town Meeting for funding to work with the NILP on the additional evaluations.

The motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Shack, to send a letter to the Conservation Commission in support of the Open Space and Recreation Plan and explaining evaluation process used in 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON THE ADA SELF EVALUATION-TRANSITION PLAN FOR TOWN BUILDINGS

The Commission on Accessibility discussed the implementation of the ADA Transition Plan for Town-owned buildings. The Spring Town Meeting approved the appropriation of \$60,000 to address necessary improvements identified in the plan. The Commission said the Legion Hall, Lost Lake Fire Station, Town Hall, and the Library should be completed first. ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette noted that Legion Hall, Town Hall, and the Library are all in the Historic District. She will inquire about the need for Historic District Commission (HDC) approval for any work on the exterior of the building or parking lot.

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The motion was made by Shack, seconded by Taylor, to approve the minutes of February 11, 2019, and May 13, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW MEMBER

There will be openings on the Commission after June 30, 2019 because Members Barron, Baxendale, Vega did not request reappointment. The Commission encouraged Jane Fry to volunteer to serve on the Commission. She said she would do so.

NEXT MEETING

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2019, at Groton Commons, 74 Willowdale Road. Member Fleischer requested that the meetings begin at 4 PM rather than 3 PM. Commission members agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator