

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2022, 1:00 PM
MINUTES**

Chairman Robert Fleisher called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM at the Groton Center

Members present: Bob Fleischer, Judy Anderson, and Alan Taylor

Members absent: Lynne Pistorino and Tom Pistorino

Others present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette

MINUTES

The motion was made by Judy Anderson, seconded by Alan Taylor, to approve the minutes of September 27, 2021, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECTS

The Commission discussed the follow applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds to be considered at the Spring Town Meeting on April 30, 2022:

Article 11 Proposal C - Nashua River Walk

The motion was made by Alan Taylor, seconded by Judy Anderson, to support the application submitted by the Trails Committee to extend the universally accessible John Tinker Trail at the Rich State Forest. The motion passed unanimously.

Article 11 Proposal D - Prescott Elevator Design & Engineering

The motion was made by Alan Taylor, seconded by Judy Anderson, to support the application submitted by the Friends of Prescott for funds to hire an architect to evaluate and design an elevator for the Prescott Community Center in order to make all three floors universally accessible. Installation of the elevator will be funded by a grant, if approved, from the Massachusetts Commission on Disabilities. The motion passed unanimously.

Article 11 Proposal F – Bates/Blackman Improvement/Accessible Path

The motion was made by Judy Anderson, seconded by Alan Taylor, to support the application submitted by the Groton Conservation Trust for funds to replace the James Brook stream crossing and create a universally accessible picnic area on the Bates/Blackman conservation area on Old Ayer Road. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCK BOXES

Member Tom Pistorino has done research with the Groton Fire Department and other communities on the installation of lock boxes for access to homes in emergencies. The Commission will discuss the matter at its next meeting.

SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

The Commission discussed the need to work with other organizations, such as the Council on Aging and the Friends of the Elders, to compile a list of social service agencies and resources available to people in need and their families.

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NEXT MEETING

The Commission will meet on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 1 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator