

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023, 2:00 PM
MINUTES**

Chairman Fleischer called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall

Members present: Judy Anderson, Bob Fleischer, Lynne Pistorino, Tom Pistorino and Alan Taylor

Others present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette

HERITAGE LANDING COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT – COMMENTS TO THE ZBA

The Commission discussed its concerns about the proposed Heritage Landing Comprehensive Permit plan to construct 48 duplex units on Cow Pond Brook Road. Concerns include potential sensory issues from the shooting range on the abutting property and Senior Center van access to the units.

Member Tom Pistorino moved to send a letter of concern to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding these matters. Member Lynn Pistorino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WATERS HOUSE, 11 LOWELL ROAD REDEVELOPMENT

The Commission discussed the proposed redevelopment of the Waters House, 11 Lowell Road, from a dormitory previously owned by Lawrence Academy, to six apartment units, now owned by Groton Lowell Road, LLC.

Member Tom Pistorino moved to send a letter to the Planning Board requesting that one of the units on the ground floor be universally accessible, even though it is not required. The motion passed unanimously.

KNOW BOXES

Member Tom Pistorino reported that the Fire Department has purchased 10 or 12 Knox Boxes that will be installed as a pilot program to see how things work. The purchase price for a box is \$300-\$350. Homeowners can purchase the boxes, and the Town can work on finding funds to help purchase the units in the future. People should contact the Fire Department for more information.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO TOWN MEETING

The Commission discussed problems with access to Town Meeting including:

- The concrete ramp to the building is very steep and is in poor condition.
- The Town Meeting Warrant and handouts should be available in large font, if possible.
- Remote participation via Zoom or other technologies should be explored.

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The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 13, 2023

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 22, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator