

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 2024, 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, and Tom Pistorino

Others present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette

CRAFT BEER BREWERY

The Commission discussed the proposed Draft Beer Brewery to be located on the second floor at 195C Main Street.

Commission members had several questions about access and parking for people with mobility issues. The Commission decided to wait until other Land Use Departments reviewed the plans before sending comments.

The motion was made by Tom Pistorino, seconded by Judy Anderson, to send a letter with questions and concerns at the appropriate time. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCESSIBILITY TRAINING

The Commission discussed hosting an Accessibility Training Program with the North East Independent Living Program later this year. The event could be co-hosted by the Council on Aging and held at the Groton Senior Center.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

Member Judy Anderson expressed concerns about access to the polls at Precincts 2 and 3, located in the Middle School South Gymnasium. Walking from accessible parking spaces to the doors to the gym is difficult, and the doors are hard to open. She asked why people could not use the front door to the school instead, especially when school is not in session. The concerns will be discussed with the Town Clerk.

ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette said access to programs at the Prescott Community Center is difficult because people cannot go from the lower level to the first floor without going outdoors. An elevator is needed to provide access to all three floors in the building.

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The motion was made by Tom Pistorino, seconded by Lynne Pistorino, to approve the minutes of September 5, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

Michelle Collette

ADA Coordinator