

**COMMISSION ON ACCESSIBILITY
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024, 1:00 PM
MINUTES**

Chairman Robert Fleischer called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Members present: Robert Fleischer, Judy Anderson, Lynne Pistorino, and Tom Pistorino

Others present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette, prospective member Molly Foster, Attorney Robert Collins, and design engineer Frank McPartlan of Dillis and Roy

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Commission reviewed the plans of the Union Congregational Church addition at the rear of the building. Attorney Robert Collins and design engineer Frank McPartlan presented the plan.

Attorney Collins the Union Congregational Church was built in 1825. The Historic Districts Commission approved the plans for the proposed addition and site changes. An elevator and lobby will be included in the addition on the rear of the building. Parking will be on Willowdale Road as it is today. An area will be designated as “no parking” at the existing curb cut. This space will be for drop off and pick up. The accessible parking spaces will be on Willowdale Road.

Member Judy Anderson asked why the accessible parking spaces cannot be on the green space near Hollis Street. Attorney Collins said the existing grades do not work in this area.

Molly Foster said people will have to get in and out of their cars onto the street. Attorney Collins said people on the passenger seat can get out of their cars at the drop off spot at the curb cut. It will be an improvement over the existing conditions.

Mr. McPartlan said they will move the accessible parking spaces closer to the new curb cut.

Member Judy Anderson asked where the water and sewer lines are located. Mr. McPartlan said they come from Hollis Street.

Attorney Collins said parking in the area off Hollis Street will not work due to existing grades. He added that there will be new accessible restrooms inside the building. Commission members said they will walk the site before the meeting at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

Town Hall Entrance – Members asked why the front doors to the Town Hall did not have automatic door openers and suggested that the interior swinging doors be replaced.

ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette said the rear doors have automatic door openers. The ramp and accessible parking spaces are in the parking lot at the rear of the building.

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Polling Locations – Member Judy Anderson express concern about the polling locations for Precincts 2 and 3 in the Middle School South Gymnasium which is a long distance to walk once you are in the building. She suggested that the Town Clerk consider using the new Florence Roche School instead.

NEW MEMBER

The motion was made by Tom Pistorino, seconded by Judy Anderson, to recommend that the Select Board appoint Molly Foster to the Commission on Accessibility. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator