COMMISION ON ACCESSIBILITY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026, at 2:00 PM
GROTON SENIOR CENTER

Members present: Robert Fleischer, Judy Anderson, Lynne Pistorino, Tom Pistorino, Betsy Tannebring, and Lois Young
Others present: ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette and Megan Buczynski of Activitas

Chairman Robert Fleischer called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Megan Buczynski of Activitas, design engineer for the Cow Pond Brook Playing Fields, met with the Commission to request its support at Town Meeting for the article requesting Community Preservation Funds for construction of the new playing fields at Cow Pond Brook Road, as proposed by the Groton Park Commission.

Ms. Buczynski said the cost of the project has been reduced substantially, and the Town will receive a one-million-dollar grant for the project. The walking path will not be paved as planned but will have a stone-dust surface. The walking path, parking lot, and all facilities will comply with ADA and the Architectural Access Board Regulations. The project must be completed by December 2027 to comply with the grant requirements.

Ms. Buczynski said the stormwater management system has also been changed, and the Stormwater Management Advisory Committee has approved the changes. The project must comply with the conditions of the Conservation Commission and the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. The access road to the site will be closed to everyone as of November 1st.

The motion was made by Tom Pistorino, seconded by Judy Anderson, to support the article at the Fall Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed taking an informal poll at Town Meeting. Tom Pistorino will bring boxes and pens to put in the lobby. Betsy Tannebring will draft the questions.

The next meeting will be on November 18, 2026, at 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Collette, ADA Coordinator