

Acton Commission on Disability Annual Report 2011

This year the commission met its mission statement (**quoted in bold**) by:

“Advocating for the needs and rights of people with disabilities and their families”

- Successfully getting a bylaw changed to increase the amount of the fine for violating a parking spot reserved for persons with HP placards
 - Another COD member was sent to be trained in evaluating public buildings for accessibility
 - Reviewing building projects that were requesting variance on the State Architectural Access Board’s Accessibility regulations
 - Sent another member to be trained in how to monitor for AAB accessible building regulations
1. Keeping inclusion in the forefront of community projects like Acton 2020 and the Minute Van
- Working with the Town on Emergency preparation and evacuation plans
 - Met with Town Moderator and Town Clerk to review access issues at Town Meeting

“Acting as a resource for education around the needs of PWD and their families”

- Created social activities, including hosting trip to statewide ADA celebration, in order to build community and discover first hand what our population considers necessary in Acton
- AS usual, our table at Oktoberfest was well attended, and many people were directed to appropriate resources for their current problems. We made contact with Actonians who had an interest in helping us with our work.
- We also, for the first time, held an information table at the Acton-Boxborough Farmer’s Market with such good results, we are hoping to do it twice next summer
- We received far fewer calls from those seeking solutions to transportation issues. This can be attributed, in part, to the availability of the new Minute Van service

“Ensuring that Acton meets the laws, regulation, and guidelines set down by federal, state, and local bodies”

- Reviewed ADA regulations with Town Departments following citizen complaints
- In the interests of transparency and easy reference, all variance materials for cases past and current are now available on DocuShare