

Minutes
Town of Acton
Commission on Disabilities
August 7, 2015
10:00 am, Town Hall, Room 126
Special Meeting

Members Present: Madeleine Harvey, Cindy Patton, Danny Factor

Members Absent: Lisa Franklin, Ann Corcoran

Associate Member Absent: Leslie Johnson

Guest: Kevin Antonelli, Michael Harrington, Frank Ramsbottom

Call to Order: 10:00 am

Variance 30 Great Road: Cindy, Mady and Danny agreed that the ramp has to be brought to code . Frank also said that it has to be made accessible. It appears to be built as the front door. Michael Harrington said that this was not the primary entrance. Danny said the ramp is not always for people using wheelchairs. When the reason was decided to put in new decking, the ramp should have been made accessible. Frank said that since that is the front entrance and the new decking was made that the law says what an accessible entrance should be. When the decking was done Mike said that they didn't make the ramp accessible because he didn't want to lose the parking spot. He would lose the first spot because the grade would make it into the second spot. The Architectural Access Board is reviewing this variance on Monday the 10th. Danny made the following motion: the applicant's renovations amounted to 31.9% of the value of the tenant space implicating Massachusetts Law 521 CMR 3.3.2. The front entrance ramp was measured to have an incline of more than 15 degrees, a COD member, who uses a wheelchair, could not access the front entrance via the ramp without assistance. The front entrance acts as an entrance of significant access for customers, both for entry and egress to the parking lot and to and from the building to the outdoor facilities. Therefore, the Acton COD advises that the application for variance be denied and the applicant be required to build the main entrance ramp to code. Mady 2nd, unanimous.

Adjourn: 10:50 am

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Acton Building Depart opinion
Variance for 30 Great Road.

Respectfully Submitted: Cindy Patton (Clerk)