

Disability Commission	
<b>Meeting date:</b> Monday, Feb 14, 2022	<b>Location:</b> Remote meeting <a href="https://meet.google.com/qef-abif-nst">https://meet.google.com/qef-abif-nst</a>
<b>Start time:</b> 6:46 pm	<b>End time:</b> 7:45 pm
<b>Attendees:</b> Jonathan Smith Bruce Frieswick Washa Liu	<b>Meeting purpose:</b> Monthly meeting
Agenda/Minutes	
<b>1. Call to order:</b> ❖ The commission meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm.	
<b>2. Roll call:</b> ❖ The roll call of meeting attendees was completed; Jonathan Smith, Bruce Frieswick and Washa Liu presented remotely.	
<b>3. Approve minutes:</b> ❖ Minutes of Jan 10, 2022 meeting was approved.	
<b>4. Treasurer's Report</b> ❖ No money has been expended, Balance \$1000. Commission needs some tools such as smart level and pressure gauge for MOD architectural inspection.	
<b>5. New Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Commission needs some tools such as smart level and pressure gauge for MOD architectural inspection. Bruce is going to take care of it.</li> <li>❖ Commission annual report will be due at the end of this month. Let Jonathan know of issues and project updates.</li> <li>❖ The Town of Northbridge recently awarded a contract to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to complete a self-evaluation and transition plan in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). CMRPC has subcontracted the Center for Living &amp; Working, Inc. (CLW) of Worcester, MA with James M. Mazik, AICP – Consulting Services to assist with this effort. The first meeting was held on 2/10/22. Jonathan and Gary presented. They act as an independent third party to evaluate all the public buildings and make a transition plan to remove the architectural barriers. The town needs to pay \$5000 to match \$54675 grant for this effort. Bruce said that NB disability commission and MOD had all the evaluation and transaction plan done in 2010. Nothing has been changed since then. It would be a duplication effort. They should consult our commission first before they reach out to a</li> </ul>	

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third party. There are several issues that need to be addressed, such as if a third party's prior approval by a town official and the superintendent of school before entering a school building. Bruce is very familiar with 521 CMR MAAB ADA law and is happy to assist in the evaluation and transition plan as a representative of NB Disability Commission.

**6. Member updates:**

- ❖ Washa reached out to town manager office for the support with Zoom meeting platform. No response from Sharon and Neil.
- ❖ Bruce sent a copy of the old evaluation and transition plan to Town Planner Gary.
- ❖ Jonathan is going to talk to Adam and Gary to see if it would be a duplicative effort.

**7. Schedule next meeting/Agenda:**

- ❖ Monday, 3/14/22 remotely at 6:30 pm.

**8. Adjourn:**

- ❖ The commission meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.