

# Town of Ayer

## Office of Community & Economic Development

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### Ayer Disabilities Commission

**Agenda:** Monday, May 20, 2024

**Location/Time:** Ayer Town Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl. Select Board Meeting Room - 6:00PM

6:00PM:

Call to Order

6:03PM:

Vote on Acceptance of Agenda.

6:05PM:

Review & acceptance of ADC Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2024.

6:10PM:

Public comment.

6:15PM:

#### Old Business

Continue discussion, exploration, and formulation of proposed Ayer Disabilities Commission "Disability Equipment Gifting Program" (DEGP).

**Item:** Update Report on meeting with Dan van Schalkwyk, Dir. Ayer Public Works Dept. on potential to locate temporary (DEGP) shed/building at the Ayer DPW Facility on Brook Street to launch the proposed new ADC program.

**Item:** Implementation: Town of Ayer ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan (2021).  
Town Hall & Municipal Buildings: Effective Communication/Auxiliary Aids & Services to persons with disabilities. (Source: *Town of Ayer ADA Self-Evaluation Plan, page 26*).

Ayer Police Station: Description of Obstacles - Parking - The van accessible space and aisle should each be at least 8' wide. The bottom of the accessible space sign should be at least 60" from the ground. Signs for van accessible space should be installed. (Source: *Town of Ayer ADA Self-Evaluation Plan, page 61*).

Ayer Fire Station: Description of Obstacles - Parking - No route exists from arrival points to entrance without using steps. No accessible spaces meet regulations, but enough area exists to make accessible spaces, van spaces, and aisles. The accessible parking sign must be at least 60" above the ground. The van accessible space must have a sign. (Source: *Town of Ayer ADA Self-Evaluation Plan, page 65*).

Ayer Library: Description of Obstacles - Parking - The slope of the accessible parking spaces and access aisles should be no steeper than 1:48 in all directions; the access aisle and the right accessible spot are too steep. The bottom of the sign for the accessible spaces

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should be at least 60" above the ground. The van accessible space should have a sign stating, "van accessible". (Source: *Town of Ayer ADA Self-Evaluation Plan, page 53*).

**Follow-up Discussion & Next Steps:**

**Item:** Preliminary Discussion – Need for "Accessible Pedestrian Signals" (APS). (APS) are devices that provide auditory, visual, and vibrotactile information to pedestrians who are blind or who have low vision, who may also have hearing loss, so they can know when they should begin to cross at a signalized intersection.

**Item:** Preliminary Discussion - Handicap Accessibility to the Historic Howitzer on the grounds of Historic Ayer Town Hall.

**Item:** Preliminary Discussion - Sandy Pond Fishing Pier Accessibility

**6:50PM:**

**New Business**

None

**7:00PM:**

Meeting Adjournment