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**Meeting Date: July 8, 2019
Room 204
Time: 6:30 pm**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present:

Rob Caruso, Co-chair
Girard Plante, Co-chair
Jane Brown, Treasurer
Warren Abramson
Lucie Chansky, participating remotely
Lakshmi Kadambi
Anne Marie Killilea
Rosemary Larking, participating remotely
Sandra Lingley
Barbara Lischinsky
Eileen Sandberg
Matt Volpi

City Staff Present:

Jini Fairley, ADA/Section 504 Coordinator
Tiffany Leung, Planning
Captain Paul Anastasia, Police
Dana Hanson, Mayor's Office

Guests:

Councilor Brenda Noel
Dr. Nancy Zollers
Tyrone Hooks

1. Introductions (6:30-6:35)

At the start of the meeting and after introductions, Rosemary had not yet entered the meeting via phone, nor did Lakshmi arrive in person.

2. Approval of 5/13/19 Meeting Minutes (6:35-6:40)

Rob asked if everyone received the minutes and if there were any changes needed. Hearing none, Jane made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed and read. Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0.

3. Accessible Parking Request, 18-20 Coyne Rd (7:00-7:10)

At this point in the meeting Rob moved this agenda item to be taken up before the rest of the COD business, due to Councilor Noel's time constraint, as she had a Council meeting to attend at 7PM. Councilor Noel had requested for this temporary accessible parking space to become permanent in front of 18-20 Coyne Rd. Councilor Noel is the Executive Director of Newton Wellesley Weston Committee for Community Living, which serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and this is one of 5 homes of this organization. She explained that this residence shares a driveway/access road with their neighbor and, due to some ongoing renovation work there, the driveway is not always available. Ordinarily the NWW home uses the driveway for their accessible van to pick up and drop off residents in the rear of the home. However when the driveway is not available, there is no place to do that safely, except in front of the home on the street. Councilor Noel is requesting to make the accessible parking space permanent in front of this home, opposite of the ramp from the front entrance of this 2-family home, so that there is always an option if the access road/driveway is unavailable. After a brief question and answer period, Jane made a motion to support the request to make the accessible parking space out front of 18-20 a permanent accessible parking space. Barbara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0.

4. CDBG Report (6:40-6:45)

Tiffany gave the following CDBG Access Projects Report:

Highlands Playground Access – (CD15-032 Budget: \$117,562.50; Expended: \$117,562.50; Balance: \$0). Accessible pathways component began in spring 2017 with contractor David White & Son. **Project closed.**

FY19 City Hall Wheelchair Accessible Single Use Toilet Room- (CD19-03A Budget: \$114,822.33; Expended \$81,658.78; Balance: \$34,882.33) The COD voted to allocate FY19 architectural access funds to the installation of a wheelchair accessible toilet room on the first floor of City Hall. The project will be managed by the City of Newton Public Buildings Department. Contractors are Vanguard Construction and P.J. Kennedy. **Staff is waiting for the final bill from the contractors. Once received, project can be closed.**

Ribbon Cutting is rescheduled Monday, July 8th, 2019 from 6:00-6:30pm. Mayor Ruthanne Fuller will be joining the ceremony.

Tiffany thanked everyone who was able to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Mayor which took place just before the start of this

meeting. She encouraged anyone who might have missed it to check out the accessible toilet room on the first floor, opposite the Elections Office. Rob complimented all involved with this project including the contractor and Public Buildings staff.

5. Accessible (HP) Fines Reports (6:45-6:50)

Captain Paul Anastasia gave the following 2 Fines Report

PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT - JUNE 2019

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	31
TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED	\$ 6,300.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$ 1,600.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 2,700.00

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	24
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 4,900.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$ 1,600.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 1,600.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 1,700.00

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	7
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 1,400.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$ 0
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 400.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 1,000.00

PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 2019

As of June 30th, 2019

FY2019 Year-to-date Parking Ticket Totals

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	431
TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED	\$92,700.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$32,535.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$46,700.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$15,570.00

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	287
TOTAL VALUE	\$63,500.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$30,325.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$25,975.00
TOTAL DUE	\$8,605.00

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	144
TOTAL VALUE	\$29,200.00
REDUCTION AMOUNT	\$2,210.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$20,725.00
TOTAL DUE	\$6,965.00

Rob confirmed with Captain Anastasia that his second report was for the entire fiscal year, which he confirmed.

6. Treasurer's Report (6:50-6:55)

Jane gave the following Treasurer's Report:

As of July 3, 2019, the balances of the COD accounts have not changed and are as follows:

Account #14-3314M3 H-P. Fines-Disability Commission

Type: Receipts Reserved for Appropriation (These funds have to go before the City Council to be appropriated before being used)

Balance: \$59,883

Account # C108006-513001 Operation Access – Disability Commission

Set up to pay for targeted enforcement of accessible HP Fines violations by the Police

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$2102.97

Account#C401083-586005 Set up to purchase and install Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) units at the Waverly/Tremont intersection

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$50.50 (8 APS units installed in December 2018)

Account #13D10901 Set up in Fall 2015 to receive Community Access Monitor Program fees and pay expenses)

Type: Revolving Account

Balance: \$940.00

Jini mentioned that the Accessible HP Fines account balances should increase by about \$3600 in the next Treasurer's report.

7. ADA Coordinator's Report (6:55-7:00)

Jini gave the following report of her activities:

ADA COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Site Visits:

- **Walnut St. at Minot Place- Reviewed with DPW staff bump out and crosswalks to improve safety**
- **Carr School- With DPW, reviewed plans for bus turn-in**
- **McGrath Dog Park- With Parks & Recreation staff, checked out accessible route into Dog Park**
- **28 Austin Street- With city Building Inspectors, checked out a Group 1 and 2A dwelling units under construction**
- **Jcc- With city Building Inspector to check out new Fitness facility**

Meeting/Events/Conference Calls:

- **Ribbon-Cutting at Accessible Path at Hyde Playground, donated by Ruderman Family Foundation**
- **Council on Aging Building Domain Action Team (B-DAT) monthly meetings**
- **NewCAL- every other week meeting**
- **Walnut Street Enhancements- I attend this every other week**
- **Fair Housing Committee- I attend this monthly**
- **Complete Streets Committee & Road Paving- I attend, every other week**
- **CODA- monthly meeting- on phone with other CODs and ADA Coordinators**
- **Austin St.- I attend this once a month meeting**
- **Development Review Team (DRTs)- as needed**

Rob mentioned that he had recently been at the JCC and found the men's restroom stall not to have enough maneuverable space, on the first floor. Jini said that she was with Inspectional Services checking

mostly new construction of their new fitness area. Dana asked jini as to how she is called in to do a site visit or review plans. She said sometimes ISD runs an issue by her with a Public Accommodation in the city, sometimes it is a resident with a disability who asks for her involvement, initially, and then she accompanies an inspector from ISD, and other times she might be on a working group for a project and gives some technical assistance.

8. Discussion of Apex Curb Ramps with DPW (7:10-7:40)

When the agenda was set, DPW Commissioner McGonagle's availability was not known. The Co-chairs learned today that Commissioner McGonagle would not be able to attend this meeting, so this agenda item was tabled for a future meeting.

9. ADA Complaints at Multiple Dwellings (8:00-8:10)

Since Dr. Zoller had not yet arrived, as her time on the agenda was a bit later, Rob moved up the discussion by the Co-chairs. Over the years several apartment complexes have presented to the COD or the members have been involved in site surveys, such as at Avalon Bay and Woodland Station, and often there are accessibility issues once they open, so Rob and Girard are proposing that a letter from the Co-chairs be sent to all housing developments in the city, specifically to developers, contractors, and architects, to let them know about the COD and to remind them of their AAB and ADA obligations. Barbara commented that letting these developers know of the COD's existence and as a resource sounds fine, but we are not an enforcement body, just an advisory body, and would such a letter be approved by the COD membership? Lucie asked if the COD should be working collaboratively with the Inspectional Services Department, whenever a development is contacted, beyond letting them know that the COD exists, especially if a site visit is being considered? Matt made the observation that it is possible that it is too late when Inspectional Services gets involved, as the enforcement body. Matt also commented that a blanket letter to all contractors and developers may not get any action unless they are currently working on a project in Newton. Jini said that ISD reviews building plans when the developer applies for a permit or special permit, which is before construction, and ISD often tells the contractor or developer that they will need to apply for a variance or more than one, if the plans remain, and before they can issue the permit. Lakshmi wondered if the COD should produce a short video, a slide presentation or a brochure about the COD, how the COD can give assistance,

accessibility issue that have been revealed by COD site visits in the past, like the examples Girard gave, such as 60 sinks at the new North High School, not installed according to the AAB, etc. Rob added that the COD wants to be proactive, to let contractors/developers know that they can come to the COD for their collected expertise, and for the COD to be better known. Lucie would like to see more collaboration with both ISD and the ADA Coordinator as well as telling them about the COD, maybe a letter that is given out by ISD when developers/contractors come to get a building permit, for a commercial or multiple dwelling building. Girard answered that he doesn't trust anyone in ISD, including Commissioner John Lojek, to hand out the letter at permit time. Jini adding to Matt's comment, that both Rob and Girard, as Co-chairs are included on an internal meeting weekly called the Development Review Team, that sees small and large projects, commercial, housing, etc. at the very beginning of the developers plans. And the COD has talked about a brochure for years, and if one is developed about the COD and other resources for accessibility, it could be handed out then. She likes the idea of the video, and on the brochure, a link could be there, and also on the COD webpage. Jini said that she tries to attend as many of these DRT meetings, when they involve housing and commercial developments as often as possible, and Girard and Rob can continue to attend and all these developers/contractors who they are and about the COD. Jini also spoke about Fair Housing issues, like reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities, and if someone feels they are being discriminated based on disability, the process here in the city is notifying the Human Rights Commission, either by calling, emailing, or filling out a form online. Jini praised the inspectors she has worked with in the Inspectional Services Department, including the Commissioner John Lojek, where she often accompanies them when they inspect both city-owned buildings as well as some non-city-owned, and she works closely with that department.

Dana offered a presentation from the Law Department on the Open Meeting Law, roles and responsibilities of the COD officers and members, Conflict of Interest, and more, if the COD wanted to have such a presentation. There was some interest, especially from the new members for this information and the Mayor is offering this legal resource to Boards and Commissions and hope that the COD will take advantage of this. Girard said that is not how he would do it, as most lawyers know nothing about the ADA, the AAB, Section 504, and other laws that pertain to people with disabilities. Jeff Dougan from the Mass Office on Disability (MOD, has, in the past, given the COD information

about the role of the COD, etc. Girard said he would not attend any such training or presentation from the Law Department about roles and responsibilities of the chairs and members of the COD. Lakshmi and Eileen and Rob expressed interest in such a presentation and would welcome this resource, as there is always more we can learn about the internal processes as a Commission On Disability working with city departments and externally with the Newton business and housing community. Rob said the video idea is intriguing, and maybe a letter telling the developers about the rules and regulations is impersonal, and really we just want them to know about the COD, especially the new members, and come to know the COD as a valuable resource. Girard said that he and Rob wanted this discussion about getting the word out about the COD and for fresh ideas and initiatives.

10. Accessible/Affordable Housing Discussion(7:40-8:00)

Dr. Nancy Zollers from Livable Newton presented on affordable housing in Newton and on a couple of housing developments going through the special permit process. She and some of her neighbors organized after the Engine 6 project (a former fire station) didn't go through as affordable housing for formerly homeless individuals. After that they educated themselves, and discovered there wasn't very much affordable housing in Newton, except for the Can-Do housing developments. With larger developments being built now, there are more opportunities of affordable housing, about 15% of apartments in each new development. Nancy then described 2 large developments, one at the Marshall's Plaza on Needham St. (and Oak St.) and at the Riverside T Station. Both of these developers have presented their plans seeking recommendations and suggestions from the COD in the past year. Along with more affordable apartments in new construction also comes many accessible apartments, virtually, in new construction, all apartments are accessible and an additional number are made even more accessible. Nancy said you need to earn at least \$200,000 annually to afford to live in Newton, where the average house costs \$1.2million. She and other housing advocates want to see a more diverse population, young people, young families, seniors who want to downsize and stay in Newton, and more children receive excellent education in the Newton schools. Having more affordable options can make that a reality. She thanked those members who have attended City Council meetings to support these new housing developments and urges members to continue to do that. She passed out the following information sheets and spoke about them:

THE NORTHLAND PROJECT

A plan to transform an aging, underused 23-acre industrial complex on Needham Street in the heart of the N2 Innovation District, currently not well-served by public transit, into a vibrant new walkable, transit-oriented, mixed-use neighborhood.

★ 800 accessible rental apartments, ranging from studios to 3-bedrooms

123 units reserved for low-to moderate-income households

Options for live/work spaces

★ 115,000 square feet of retail space

10,000 square feet offered at discount to local retailers

★ 180,000 square feet of office space

★ 4,000-square-foot community building

★ Large neighborhood playground

★ 7 acres of public green space, in 5 new parks

600 planted trees

1,100 bike parking spaces

1,550 car parking spaces (800 resident), mostly in underground garages

On-site mobility hub—centrally-located

“multi-modal” transit access

New shuttle connecting site to bus and rail service

Bike lanes connecting to Upper Falls Greenway

Restored and revitalized Saco-Pettee Mill building

Green design—certified LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND)

Significant new tax revenue

WHY NORTHLAND?

Great mixed-use design. The project turns a large, disjointed, obsolete industrial tract into an integrated, environmentally sensitive, sustainable new neighborhood, with a variety of housing options, a new Main Street, places to work, spaces for outdoor enjoyment, and new connections to public transit and the Greenway. New housing options with its mix of market-rate and affordable units of varying sizes, and its walkability and improved access to public transportation, the project offers the kind of alternatives to single-family homes that more and

more people of all ages, backgrounds, and occupations are looking for and have a hard time finding in Newton. Green space. The project includes 5 new public parks on a total of 7 acres, bike and pedestrian connections to the Greenway, and 600 new trees. Commitment to transportation alternatives. The developer will launch and promises to sustain a new shuttle service between the on-site mobility hub, local MBTA bus and subway stops, and downtown Boston. The wifi-enabled mobility hub will also provide access to bike-share and ride-share service. All of this will make it easier for residents to choose not to drive. Community focused process. The developers, based in Newton since 1983, have conducted over 100 community meetings and made significant changes to the project in response to public feedback, including reducing the number of housing units and amount of commercial space, breaking up the building masses, putting more parking underground, and creating more open space. They're talking with Green Newton's Building Standards Committee about sustainable energy standards, and with Engine 6 about setting aside housing units for middle-income households. A more livable Newton. This project is a unique opportunity to do many good things at once: increase and diversify our housing stock so that it better suits our needs; create new recreational open space; encourage walking, biking, and use of the Greenway; mitigate car use; attract new shops, restaurants, and other kinds of employers, increasing our commercial tax base. All of this will help make Newton a better place to live, work, and play.

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One of the handouts on Riverside below:

THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT

A new and improved plan to redevelop the gigantic parking lot at the Green Line D Branch terminus into a new, attractive, walkable neighborhood with bike and pedestrian access to Charles River parkland.

★ 675 housing units

618 rental apartments, of which 94 (15%) will be affordable (reserved for low-to moderate-income households)

57 market-rate condos, of which 8 (15%) will be affordable

★ 65,000 square feet of shops and retail

★ 547,000 square feet of office space

★ Newly designed and hidden garage (3,000 spaces)

★ 2 acres of public open space (greens, plazas, amphitheater)

★ \$6 million toward improvements to adjacent Charles River parkland, including bike and pedestrian connections from project site

★ New 194-room hotel (replacing Hotel Indigo)

★ Net new tax revenue to City of approximately \$2.3 million

★ Over \$20 million in transportation infrastructure improvements, including: Reconfigured exit off I-95 N with direct access to site, alleviating traffic backups on Grove Street

Network of bike and pedestrian paths on site, improving access to Riverside Station

New landscaping and enlarged and improved sidewalks and bike lanes along Grove Street, creating safer, more attractive access from Lower Falls and the rest of Auburndale

WHY RIVERSIDE?

New housing options. With its mix of market-rate and affordable units of varying sizes, close to public transit, shops, and green space, the project offers the kind of single-family alternatives more and more people of all ages, backgrounds, and occupations are looking for, and which Newton severely lacks. Transit-oriented development. The project incorporates Riverside Station—the MBTA Green Line D Branch terminus—which offers easy access to downtown Boston and parts in between. The Auburndale commuter rail station is also within walking distance. The #558 bus has 10 trips every weekday from Riverside, with local service turning into express to downtown Boston at Newton Corner. Long-range buses (e.g., to New York, Philadelphia) also serve Riverside. Improvements to bike and pedestrian access to the site will make it safer and more enjoyable for anyone to choose public transportation over driving. Sustainable development. The developer has committed to creating a project that is as environmentally-friendly

as possible, and is working closely with GreenNewton's Buildings Standards Committee to make this happen. Improved access to the Charles River. The project will enable the resuscitation of 33 acres of once-vibrant but long-disused parkland along the Charles, which, with safe new pedestrian and bike access, will become a destination for the surrounding neighborhoods. Increased tax revenue. This is a rare opportunity to create significant commercial space and more than \$2.3 million in net new tax revenue for the City. The project will also generate sales tax revenue and job opportunities. Community process The developer committed to and funded a visioning process that will continue to inform the proposal as it is reviewed by the City Council.

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During the discussion members asked some questions, such as what is the current level of affordable housing in Newton, which is below the 10% and a recent report came out with this information, and with all this development with new market-rate apartments, the cost of renting is going up and seems to be affecting even the rents of those in affordable apartments right now. To this last question, Nancy has not heard of a direct correlation to the availability of more market-rate high end apartments affecting the rent of the affordable apartments. Members said their rent usually only increases about 1% of the affordable apartments/rent, but this year they are jumping to 10%, but may go back to leveling off at a smaller increase in the future. Another member said that 80% AMI affordable apartments with rents in the \$1600-1700+ for a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment is not affordable for someone with a disability who may not be able to work and on a fixed income. Nancy said that it is true that some of the developers are providing some affordable housing for the workforce, but not necessarily providing deeper affordability, especially for those on a fixed income. She encouraged all to get involved either with their organization, Engine 6/Livable Newton or other housing advocates, to advocate for the level of affordability as well as more affordable apartments in Newton. Lucie mentioned another organization, Right-Size Newton who is not opposed to affordable apartments but the traffic

and other impacts by the increased number of rental apartments and retail space is changing and impacting everyone's lives.

11. Discussion on Access Projects for MOD Grant and Accessible (HP) Fines Fund (8:10-8:20)

Jini had distributed the following handout about the MOD ADA Improvement Grant: Jini asked if anyone had ideas for the MOD ADA Improvement grant this year, as at the moment she has not found on that can be accomplished in 6 months or less. Since the meeting was running late, Jini suggested you email her with any projects you are interested in,, as MOD likes input from the COD of each municipality. Lucie suggested the video or brochure, but Jini said the grant is construction projects or buying equipment that will benefit many people with disabilities across the city. However she did mention that we could possibly use some of the Fines funds to produce a video or a brochure, but estimates must get gathered, a scope, etc.

12. Old/New Business (8:20-8:30)

Before the above agenda item was taken up, Rob wanted to know which members want to be on the Nominating Committee and on the ad hoc committee to work with Newton Wellesley Hospital on access issues on their campus, in and around their buildings.

The following committees and its members were formed:

Nominating:

Jane

Rosemary

Barbara

Matt

The members of the Nominating Committee (a standing committee) will elect their chair of the committee. They will work with all members to consider being nominated for an Officer position.

NWH Committee:

Girard

Barbara

Warren

Anne Marie

Eileen

Rosemary (if remote access can be set up)

Lucie brought up some topics to think about and discuss at a later meeting: She would like to have Right-Size Newton come and present their viewpoint at a future meeting. Should members have reasons for absences, i.e. excused absences, and should there be a maximum of how many meetings a member can miss in a year before asking them to step off the Commission? This doesn't have to be discussed now, but do we want a policy, which would benefit the Commission? Should we have a policy when a vote is taken and motion passed, under what circumstances would that vote be allowed to be redone and the motion amended? Rob answered this last question saying that the Commission as a whole can decide to reverse a decision made earlier by the Commission, that is completely in the purview of the Commission. Earlier Rob stated that he and Girard recommended that an August meeting was necessary to catch up on some old and possibly new business. A motion was made by Barbara not to have an August COD meeting. Jane seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 9-1(Rob)-1 (Eileen), Girard had to leave before this vote. There will not be an August 12 meeting this year.

13.Adjournment (8:30)

The meeting adjourned at 9PM.

**Respectfully prepared and submitted by
Jini Fairley**

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 12, 2019, unless on hiatus. In that case the next meeting is September 9, 2019.

The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities requiring assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA/Sec.504 Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. For Telecommunications Relay Service, please dial 711 or call City Hall's TTY/TDD line at 617-796-1089.



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The Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Program has provided communities with resources necessary for updating amenities to increase accessibility for all citizens of the commonwealth.

The Grant Program is a competitive grant program and receives about 100+ applications yearly for a finite amount of funding. Each applicant can request up to **\$250,000****. The grant program awards 2 different kinds of grants:

Planning Grants

These Grants are for the creation of Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans or the updating of existing plans.

This Grant is used to identify areas of a municipality which may pose accessibility barriers to programs, services and/or activities for residents.

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FY20 Grant Cycle Timeframes:

Grant Submission Opens:

8/1/19 (expected)

Grant Submission Closes:

10/1/19 (expected)

Application Review:

After 10/1/19.

Grant Award/Denial Notices:

12/19 (expected)

Grant Contracts to Awarded Communities:

12/19 (late) (expected)

Invoices for Work Due:

6/30/20

Project Grants

These Grants are for the physical removal of barriers to accessibility through capital improvements.

This Grant could be used to update sidewalks, install auto door openers, purchase accessibility equipment etc.

Required items needed to apply

- ***Posting of Non Discrimination Policy***
- ***Publication of a Grievance Procedure***
- ***Designation of a Responsible Employee***
 - ***A Self- Evaluation Plan***
 - ***A Transition Plan***

During the FY17 cycle a total of \$927,729 was awarded to 25 separate grant applications

- *During the FY18 cycle a total of \$956,615 was awarded to 27 separate grant applications*

For more information on the Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Program, please visit:

www.mass.gov/mod/adagrant

For more information on the activities of the MOD, please visit:

www.mass.gov/mod

For more information on the publications of the MOD, please visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/mod/publications>

Any questions on the Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Program can be directed to the Grant Compliance

Coordinator Karl Bryan at Karl.Bryan@mass.gov or call 617-979-7332.

**** Please be aware, since the programs beginning (2017) there has been 1 maximum grant of \$250,000 awarded per cycle.**