



ACTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Town Hall
Acton, MA 01720

Thomas Hopkins, Director
Architectural Access Board
One Ashburton Place, Room 1310
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Dear Thomas and the AAB,

As you are aware, the time variance for the Acton Women's Club, 504 Main Street, Acton is requested to complete three phases of a renovation project: 1.) access into the building, 2.) access to the 2nd floor and 3.) accessible bathroom.

As we understand, the project to improve the access into the building is proposed to begin this summer. The time variance is for the 2nd and 3rd phases to provide access to the 2nd floor and to renovate the bathroom since this will require a future addition to the building. This solution of a future addition to the back of the building would offer space for a lift and enlarge the bathroom to bring the building into full compliance.

We believe in the Women's Club's sincerity to improve accessibility and understand the physical constraints of their existing building. The Club has not provided an architectural plan for the addition to incorporate access to the 2nd floor nor of the accessible bathroom for the time variance. We would like to have a chance to review their plans for the 2nd and 3rd phases of the renovation project. With this in mind, we feel the time variance is reasonable. Also, a timeline for completion of the building's compliance would be worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Viola, Secretary, Acton Commission on Disability