



ACTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Town Hall
Acton, MA 01720

**Thomas Hopkins, Director
Architectural Access Board
One Ashburton Place, Room 1310
Boston, Massachusetts 02108**

July 21, 2011

Dear Thomas and the AAB,

RESPONSE OF THE ACTION COD IN RE: 504 MAIN STREET, ACTON, MA 01720

We appreciate the fact that the Acton Women's Club is preparing to make 504 Main Street more accessible. Also, we understand the need to have a time variance to allow for the completion of the project.

However, the Acton COD feels that the proposed timeline is too long. The Acton Women's Club has the opportunity to apply for another Community Preservation Grant this coming fall. We feel that the Acton Women's Club should apply for the grant. If their grant application is successful, they would be able to finish the work sooner.

We also feel that:

- 1. The device installed to reach the second floor should be an elevator or LULA, not a chair lift.**
- 2. All surface materials used should comply with code, including the bricks used on the walkway.**
- 3. Until access is available to the second floor by elevator or LULA, the stairs should be modified to code.**
- 4. Since there is no disabled accessible parking available, valet parking should be provided to all who need it, as discussed at our recent meeting with the Acton Women's Club.**

Respectfully Submitted,

ACTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY