



**TOWN OF ACTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
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Re: Acton Women's Club CPC Application

To Whom It May Concern

For several months, the Historic District Commission has been meeting with the leadership of the Acton Women's Club and their architect, Anita Rogers, in regard to their effort to modify their historic building with an elevator and restroom addition to both meet the universal access requirements of the State of Massachusetts, while maintaining and if possible, improving upon the great beauty and charm of their building. The Woman's Club fronts directly upon one of Acton's most historic and significant public spaces, the Town Common. The Woman's Club's recently completed accessible entrance and terrace, funded by CPC, has resulted in even greater use of the building.

The HDC hereby expresses its enthusiastic support for the Acton Women's Club's application for CPC funding. This project is intended to provide required Massachusetts 521 CMR access to the second floor of the building and an accessible restroom at the first floor. The addition will be located at the rear of the building but will still be visible from Main Street.

Our whole hearted support is offered because the design solution presented in the proposal is well executed in that its massing and scale is subservient to the main volume of the Woman's Club and the façade materials and detailing are appropriately related to the existing building. The addition will be an unobtrusive yet highly valued.

The Woman's Club project exactly represents the category of project which provides an amenity by both fulfilling a required need and contributing to Acton's civic and aesthetic life. The Historic District Commission strongly hopes it will be considered worthy of CPC support.

Sincerely,

Kathy Acerbo-Bachmann

Chair, Historic District Commission