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February 26, 2014

Anita Rogers
2 Thoreau Road
Acton, MA 01720

Re: Notice of Amended Decision of the Board; Acton Women's Club, 504 Main Street, Acton; Docket Number V11-108

Dear Ms. Rogers,

On February 6, 2014, the Architectural Access Board ("Board") received your status report regarding the ongoing project at the Acton Women's Club.

Upon reviewing the case during an administrative discussion at their regularly scheduled February 10, 2014, the Board voted as follows:

- *ACCEPT* the submitted status report as complying with the Board's requirements for the submittal of status reports every six (6) months (per the Board October 17, 2011 decision), with the understanding that the next status reports shall be submitted to the Board by *June 1, 2014*. The Board further voted to issue a letter of support (attached) for the Petitioners in an effort to assist them in obtaining the required funds for the installation of the vertical access to the second floor and stage (521 CMR 14.6 and 28.1), the creation of an accessible toilet room (521 CMR 30.1), and the creation of a compliant doorway within the kitchen.

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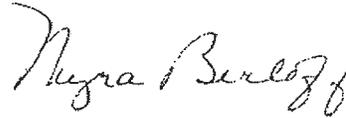
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Andrew Bedar, Member



Myra Berloff, Director of Massachusetts
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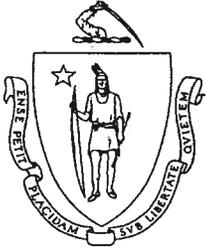


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Raymond Glazier, Executive Office of Elder
Affairs Designee (not present)

A complete administrative record is on file at the office of the Architectural Access Board.

cc: Local Building Inspector
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Jay Paget, Program Director
Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund
10 St. James Avenue, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02116

**Re: Acton Woman's Club, 504 Main Street, Acton;
Architectural Access Board Docket Number V11-108)**

Dear Mr. Paget:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Architectural Access Board ("the Board") regarding the above referenced matter. On February 10, 2014 the Board voted to support the Acton Woman's Club application to the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund for additional funding required for their accessibility project at 504 Main Street in Acton.

By way of background, the Acton Woman's Club submitted a variance application to the Board in May of 2011, seeking time for the following items which were required to be brought into full compliance with the applicable sections of 521 CMR based on their spending on the building: vertical access to the second floor of the building (521 CMR 28.1), access to the second floor stage (521 CMR 14.6), creation of an accessible toilet room (521 CMR 30.1) and the creation of a compliant doorway within the existing kitchen (521 CMR 32.1). At a hearing held on October 17, 2011, the Board voted as follows:

~~"GRANT the variance to 521 CMR 25.1, regarding Entry 2, on the following conditions: as proposed, the accessible walkway is created and the entrance at Entry 1 is made accessible; a compliant path of travel is provided to the raised courtyard, i.e. a stone dust pathway; and the plans for said pathway are submitted to the Board by October 28, 2011. (Work to the accessible walkway has since been completed and verified as such). GRANT a time variance to allow until January 1, 2015 for the lack of vertical access to the second floor and stage (521 CMR 14.6 and 28.1), the lack of compliance at the toilet room (521 CMR 30.1) and the lack of a compliant doorway within the kitchen (521 CMR 32), on the condition that progress reports, outlining the fundraising for the proposed work were submitted every six months, starting January 1, 2012."~~

Since the October 17, 2011 decision, the Petitioners have made a good faith effort to raise a lot of the required funds on their own; however the required projects to improve the accessibility at this existing building still require additional funding. Therefore, during a February 10, 2014 administrative discussion regarding this matter, the Architectural Access Board voted to send a letter of support for the application and request for funds through the Capital Grants Program from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund.

Thank you in advance for your time, and if you have any questions please feel free to call the office.

Sincerely,



Walter White,
Chairman



Thomas P. Hopkins,
Executive Director

cc: Acton Women's Club
Acton Building Inspector
Acton Disability Commission
Independent Living Center