

Acton Commission on Disabilities: Announcements July, 2014

1. The owner of the new Spruce Street Café is going to talk to the owners of the parking lot and ask them to stripe an access aisle next to the HP spot, so that vehicles legitimately parked will no longer block the access ramp into their restaurant. The previous owners of that eatery have said that they were unable to locate owners to have this work done.
2. A new method of in vitro fertilization replaces the mitochondrial DNA from one ovum with another. This is aimed at women who have "mitochondrial disease" which results in a high risk of having a child with a congenital disability. Why would this be an issue of concern for the Disability Rights movement?
3. The Disability Policy Consortium asked Acton Town Manager, Steve Ledoux, if he would host the next regional meeting of area commissions on disability. He agreed to take that on. Mr Ledoux is also interested in sponsoring a Municipal ADA coordinators ' training with the Mass Office on Disability.
4. Our BOS liaison, Franny Osman has changed her email address to frannyola@gmail.com. Please update your contact sheet
5. State bill 1869 would bring the Mass architectural access board regulations in compliance with those of the Americans with Disabilities Act and expand the AAB's authority to cover employee areas and housing. Proponents of the bill are asking you to Senate president Therese Murray at 617 -722 1500 and ask her to pass the bill .