



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH  
807 Mill River Southfield Road, Mill River, MA 01244**

Minutes of the Commission on Disabilities  
Town Library, New Marlborough, MA  
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Members Present: Tom Stalker, Chair/Secretary  
Marsha Pshenishny, Vice-Chair  
John Hotaling

Member Absent Tara White, Liaison  
John Pshenishny

Also Present: Joan Hotaling  
Owen Wright

The meeting of the Commission on Disabilities (COD) was convened at 9:41am.

**Review and approve meeting minutes for August 6, 2019**

Motion to approve: Marsha

Second: John H.

All agree.

**Review 2019 CDBG submission for Town Hall barrier removal**

The original plan, for the Town, was to submit a design which would be \$200K. The actual amount requested is \$90K. The Town has not heard yet whether they will be receiving the grant or not.

The requested funds should cover the design of ADA improvements to Town Hall as indicated in our Title II Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. Starting with the parking lot and then continuing down the sidewalk and into the door. Bathrooms would be redone. Then getting people up to the main level, both inside the building as well as outside.

The Town also requested \$400K for repairs to low and middle income [private] homes.

Also included in the paperwork is the groundwork for the Town to pursue funds to cover construction of the Town Hall barrier removal project.

[If awarded the design funds,] the design project will need to be put out to bid. A committee will need to be established to oversee the project. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) would be the project manager.

Tom indicated a concern that no one at Town Hall has really “owned” this project. He feels there needs to be someone who will work with an established committee and with BRPC.

Owen indicated there is no one in charge of building maintenance at Town Hall.

**Adjourn**

John H. made a motion to adjourn with Marsha second. All agreed.

Prepared by: Tom Stalker, Chair/Secretary