

Commission for Accessibility
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2021 – 5:00 pm
(this meeting was held virtually due to the current pandemic)

Time the meeting began and ended 5:06 - 6:17PM

Don Ciota, Kate White, Tony Phillips, Maureen Culhane, David Choplinski and Christine Santori were in attendance.

Unanimous consent to accept the reading of the minutes was reached.

Public comments via email were made by Jeff Doyle. Is Ridgefield COMPASSIONATE if measured by its accessibility? Photos from 2016 of the inability to get from Starbucks to Early Bird Café via wheelchair were shared which led us into another discussion of Title II versus Title III sections of ADA... private spaces with public access versus public spaces.

Topic of keeping a LOG of Complaints whether Title II or III was discussed. Keeping in mind “reasonable access” and “complaint vs narrative” the development of a template letter was discussed. Such a letter would help residents communicate grievances to business owners and land-owners, the owner’s responsibilities, and possible solutions.

Agenda items followed beginning with a Town-wide Survey Update.
How will the Town frame prioritizing transition items?
Getting those items into budgets?
And getting completion days established?

Next meeting April 12, 5pm via zoom