

**Commission for Accessibility
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2022**

Via Zoom

In Attendance: Tony Phillips, Maureen Culhane, Dave Choplinski, Don Ciota

Call to Order: 5:00 PM

Public Comment.

Review Minutes from 03/07/2022:

Update on Town Wide Assessment

The Commission reviewed its discussion on the use of town sidewalks for outdoor use of town space by restaurants and vendors. There is concern in how such activities might have a negative impact on accessibility, but felt the license to do so should be continued as long as these issues are addressed.

Based upon those discussions and after consulting with Tony, the following letter was sent on March 8 to the CT Planning Committee:

re: CT HB 05271. An Act Concerning the provision of outdoor food & beverage services and outdoor displaying of goods.

The letter summarized ways in which such outdoor usage could be accomplished without conflicting with accessibility. Following state guidelines as delineated in this Act will provide information for municipalities and users of such spaces with the tools to successfully utilize public space while preserving accessibility. These include a permitting process that includes the submission of a sketch showing the location of the space to be used, examination and approval by town

authorities, and oversight to insure the spaces are prepared as designed.

Town Handicapped Parking

Cars without handicapped parking permits parked in handicapped parking spaces has been a source of informal complaints over the years. Recently, the Commission was told of a day at Tiger Hollow parking area where all but one car in the 8-space handicapped parking area had no permits displayed, despite prominently displayed signs designating these spaces as such.

The Commission put together a compilation of data from various communities across the country telling how such issues are handled.

Adjourn

2022 Meeting Dates:

All dates are on a **Monday at 5:00PM** and will be held via Zoom until after the pandemic town deems it safe to meet in person.

May 9	Sep. 12
Jun. 13	Oct. 17
Jul no meeting	Nov 7
Aug no meeting	Dec. 12