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SELECT BOARD CHARGE

NAME: Accessibility Advisory Commission

MEMBERSHIP: The Grafton Accessibility Advisory Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Select Board for overlapping three-year terms and be responsible to the Select Board.

Six (6) members shall consist of residents with disabilities, with immediate family members with a disability, with professional experience working with people with disabilities, and/or with an interest in this area.

One (1) member shall be either an elected or appointed official of the town.

TIMETABLE: Overlapping three-year terms

MEETING SCHEDULE: The Board shall meet at least monthly.

MISSION: In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Part 1, Title VII, Chapter 40 Section 8J, the *Grafton Accessibility Advisory Commission* will assure that all people in Grafton have the same opportunity to participate in all functions involving living, working, and enjoying recreational activities in town. The Commission will work toward this end by informing, educating, monitoring, and advising the public, including the business community and the Town's administration.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The purpose of the Commission shall be to ensure that the Town of Grafton is accessible and inclusive to people of all abilities. As such, this commission shall:

- Ensure that all Grafton residents, visitors, and workers of all abilities have equal access to programs and services;
- Foster equal access to community life by ensuring an inclusive, welcoming environment;

- Consult with other public and private entities to ensure many and varied perspectives are taken consideration on decisions impacting civic and community life, including compliance with relevant state and federal laws;
- Voice concerns and opinions to advocate for and promote an inclusive community;
- Encourage and value communication with community members regarding accessibility, barrier removal, and disability awareness by conducting outreach activities, collaborating with community partners, and other activities as deemed appropriate in conjunction with the *Massachusetts Office on Disability* (MOD).
- To promote the inclusion of people with differing or all abilities in all aspects of community life.