BUILDING DEPARTMENT



TOWN OF WESTWOOD

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

(617) 326-6450

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Michael A. Jaillet, Executive Secretar

FROM:

Peter Levenson, Building Commissioner,

DATE:

19 December, 1992

SUBJECT: Report on ADA Compliance-General Gov't Buildings

During the month of November, 1992, Assistant Building Inspector, John W. Anderson, was requested to inspect all municipally owned or operated buildings and furnish completed forms that were furnished for this purpose.

Attached herewith, are copies of the forms that were completed on buildings utilized for general government purposes or, are owned by the general government side of town government and are being leased to another entity. The school buildings have been analyzed on a separate report and that report has been sent to Mr. Leo Crowe, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

This report is intended as an overview of the inspector's margin notes for easier reading. The checked off boxes on the report forms are geared for the specifics of the findings.

WESTWOOD TOWN HALL

- Has limited accessibility.
- . One accessible bathroom available; 1st floor level.
- . Has wheelchair lift from 1st floor to basement only.
- . Variance from Architectural Access Board is being sought to extend chairlift to 2d floor.
- Parking is available at the closest location (2 spaces).
- . Parking is properly hightlighted and signage exists.
- . Corridors and meeting facilities are not totally accessible.

Michael A. Jaillet

-2-

19 December, 1992

POLICE STATION

- . Parking available-noted as too small.
- . Entry door not in compliance.
- . Faucets in lav. not in compliance.
- Level of soap dispenser OK; mirror and towels not in compliance.
- . Front counter area not in compliance.

MAIN FIRE STATION-HIGH STREET

- . Front first floor not accessible.
- . No designated parking.
- . Rear lot has no designated area.
- . Some doors do meet the 32" minimum width requirement.
- Basement meeting room has a threshold that is too high; the door hardware is difficult to use and there are no restrooms available at all.

SUB-STATION, ISLINGTON

. Main entry door not accessible.

PUBLIC LIBRARY-MAIN BRANCH, HIGH STREET

- . Lower meeting room; inacessible.
- . Lav/baths: one in basement in full compliance, one on 1st floor inacessible, 2 on stairway landing inacessible.
- . No elevator; has stairway chairlift.
- . Reference computers are too high.

BRANCH LIBRARY-WENTWORTH HALL, ISLINGTON

. Older building; inacessible in necessary areas and no designated parking on the site.

Michael A. Jaillet

-3-

19 December, 1992

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COMPLEX-3 Buildings

- Office building: Is a residential style building with no accessibility to the disabled public.
- Two garage style buildings: Both non-accessible unless sloped entry area to garage doors is considered as permissable. Neither has accessible restroom facilities.
- . No designated parking on the site.

DEERFIELD SCHOOL-Under leasing arrangement to Montrose School

- . One level building; no chairlift or elevator required.
- . No entrance is wheelchair accessible.
- . No lavs. are accessible
- . Gym is at a lower level than remainder of the building.
- . No designated handicapped parking on the site.

This completes the overview of the inspection reports done on the general government owned/operated buildings within the town.

Note: While compiling this data, I have had occasion to speak to personnel who offer technical assistance related to the ADA requirements. Prior to making radical changes, the benefit of their input could be quite valuable. Depending upon the partcular use of certain facilities combined with the physical requirements of various job descriptions, some forms of adaptation may, or may not be required. Certain portions of public works facilities and fire stations, as an example, may not be subject to some of the requirements. Public service areas of these same facilities would be required to be adapted.

cc: file

I ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS CHECKLIST

Police STA.

Building Access	Yes	No
 Are 96" wide parking spaces designated with a 60" access aisle? 	×	
 Are accessible parking spaces near the main building entrance? Too Small area 	×	
3. Is there a "drop off" zone at building entrance	\$ 🔯	
4. Is the gradient from parking to building entrance 1:12 or less? Engrance Dear Below Code		M
5. Is the entrance doorway at least 32" wide?	M	
 Is door handle easy to grasp? 	Ø	
7. Is door easy to open (less than 8 lbs. pressure	e)\$ 🏻	
8. Are other than revolving doors available?	Ø	
Building Corridors	Yes	No
 Is path of travel free of obstruction and wide enough for a wheelchair? 	Ø	
2. Is floor surface hard and not slippery?	囟	

10.Are exposed hot water pipes located un sinks wrapped in insulation to avoid inju- to those individuals using a wheelchair?	ury _	×
City Departments that Serve the	General Pu Yes	blic No
1. Are doors at least 32" wide?	\boxtimes	
2. Is the door easy to open?	M	
3. Is the threshold no more than 1/2" high	\$ 💌	\square .
4. Is the path of travel between desk, table wide enough for wheelchairs?	s, etc.	
5. Do you have a counter that is too high to serve individuals in wheelchairs?	lot Acces	0 8ib/0

A STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE

I ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS CHECKLIST

MAIN FIRE STA.

Building Access	Yes	No
1. Are 96" wide parking spaces designated with a 60" access aisle?		囟
2. Are accessible parking spaces near the main building entrance?		×
3. Is there a "drop off" zone at building entrance?		×
4. Is the gradient from parking to building entrance 1:12 or less?		×
5. Is the entrance doorway at least 32" wide?	×	
 Is door handle easy to grasp? 		\boxtimes
7. Is door easy to open (less than 8 lbs. pressure)? 🗌	Ø
8. Are other than revolving doors available?	X	
Building Corridors	Yes	No
 Is path of travel free of obstruction and wide enough for a wheelchair? 		Ø
2. Is floor surface hard and not slippery?	M	

10	Are exposed hot water pipes located under sinks wrapped in insulation to avoid injury to those individuals using a wheelchair?		\bowtie
Cit	y Departments that Serve the Gener	ral Pu Yes	blic No
1.	Are doors at least 32" wide? Some		囟
2.	Is the door easy to open?		
3.	Is the threshold no more than 1/2" high?		\square
4.	Is the path of travel between desk, tables, etc. wide enough for wheelchairs?		Ø
5.	Do you have a counter that is too high to serve individuals in wheelchairs?		

Basement Meeting Room:

OB Parling lot - High threshold

Noon not lever + Heard to open

No 10 wer Bath room for Public

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS CHECKLIST FIRE _ ISLINGTON STA. #2

Building Access	Yes	No
 Are 96" wide parking spaces designated with a 60" access aisle? 		Ø
2. Are accessible parking spaces near the main building entrance?		×
3. Is there a "drop off" zone at building entrance	e? 🗌	×
 Is the gradient from parking to building Ma) entrance 1:12 or less? 	n door	Not Access als
5. Is the entrance doorway at least 32" wide?	X	
 Is door handle easy to grasp? 		\boxtimes
7. Is door easy to open (less than 8 lbs. pressur	re)? 🗆	
8. Are other than revolving doors available?	×	
Building Corridors	Yes	No
 Is path of travel free of obstruction and wide enough for a wheelchair? 		×
2. Is floor surface hard and not slippery?	\boxtimes	
		I-1

10.Are exposed hot water pipes located under sinks wrapped in insulation to avoid injury to those individuals using a wheelchair?	×	
City Departments that Serve the Gene	ral Pu Yes	blic No
1. Are doors at least 32" wide?		\boxtimes
2. Is the door easy to open?		\boxtimes
3. Is the threshold no more than 1/2" high?	X	
4. Is the path of travel between desk, tables, etc. wide enough for wheelchairs?	M	
5. Do you have a counter that is too high	182	

I ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS CHECKLIST

TOWN HAI!

	Building Access	Yes	No
	 Are 96" wide parking spaces designated with a 60" access aisle? 	×	
	 Are accessible parking spaces near the main building entrance? 	\boxtimes	
Access to side	3. Is there a "drop off" zone at building entrance	e? 🗌	\boxtimes
	 Is the gradient from parking to building entrance 1:12 or less? 	Ø	
Building is Accessible only	5. Is the entrance doorway at least 32" wide?	\boxtimes	
10 154 61000 Via	 Is door handle easy to grasp? 	X	
chain litt	7. Is door easy to open (less than 8 lbs. pressur	re)? 🗆	X
	8. Are other than revolving doors available?	X	
	Building Corridors	Yes	No
	 Is path of travel free of obstruction and wide enough for a wheelchair? 		
	2. Is floor surface hard and not slippery?	Ø	

10.Are exposed hot water pipes located under sinks wrapped in insulation to avoid injury to those individuals using a wheelchair?	Ø	
City Departments that Serve the Gener	ral Pu Yes	blic No
1. Are doors at least 32" wide?	Ø	
2. Is the door easy to open?	\boxtimes	
3. Is the threshold no more than 1/2" high?	M	
4. Is the path of travel between desk, tables, etc. wide enough for wheelchairs? Halls only	S	⋈
5. Do you have a counter that is too high	X	

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS CHECKLIST MAIN LIBRARY

Building Access	Yes	No
 Are 96" wide parking spaces designated with a 60" access aisle? 	Ś	
 Are accessible parking spaces near the main building entrance? 	Ø	
3. Is there a "drop off" zone at building entrance	\$ 🕅	
4. Is the gradient from parking to building entrance 1:12 or less?	×	
5. Is the entrance doorway at least 32" wide?	\square	
6. Is door handle easy to grasp?	Ø	
7. Is door easy to open (less than 8 lbs. pressur	e) ? 💆	
8. Are other than revolving doors available?	B	
Building Corridors	Yes	No
 Is path of travel free of obstruction and wide enough for a wheelchair? 	M	
2. Is floor surface hard and not slippery?	Ø	

10. Are exposed hot water pipes located under sinks wrapped in insulation to avoid injury to those individuals using a wheelchair?	Ø	
City Departments that Serve the Gener	ral Pu Yes	blic No
1. Are doors at least 32" wide?	赵	
2. Is the door easy to open?	\boxtimes	
3. Is the threshold no more than 1/2" high?	Ø	
4. Is the path of travel between desk, tables, etc. wide enough for wheelchairs?	Ø	
5. Do you have a counter that is too high to serve individuals in wheelchairs?	Ø	
Reference Computers too his	9 h	

A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS CHECKLIST BRANCH LIBEARY - DSLINGEON

2 John	This checklist is designed to give local government appraisal of potential problem areas for achieving a when making structural changes.	nts a ve occessib	ry quick pility and
· les	Building Access	Yes	No
Rewalding in anservelve Idel	1. Are 96" wide parking spaces designated with a 60" access aisle? No Signase		Ø
. 70	2. Are accessible parking spaces near the main building entrance?		Ø
duy	3. Is there a "drop off" zone at building entrance	\$ 🔯	
See	4. Is the gradient from parking to building entrance 1:12 or less?		×
10	5. Is the entrance doorway at least 32" wide?		\bowtie
\sim	6. Is door handle easy to grasp?		M
\circ	7. Is door easy to open (less than 8 lbs. pressure	e)? 🗆	
	8. Are other than revolving doors available?	K	
	Building Corridors	Yes	No
	 Is path of travel free of obstruction and wide enough for a wheelchair? 		Ø
	2. Is floor surface hard and not slippery?	Ø	

 Are exposed hot water pipes located under sinks wrapped in insulation to avoid injury 		
to those individuals using a wheelchair?		\square
City Departments that Serve the Gene	ral Pu Yes	blic No
 Are doors at least 32" wide? 		囟
2. Is the door easy to open?		
3. Is the threshold no more than 1/2" high?		
4. Is the path of travel between desk, tables, etc. wide enough for wheelchairs?		
5. Do you have a counter that is too high to serve individuals in wheelchairs?		Ø.

The state of the s

Residential Style Building

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS CHECKLIST

OFC. BLD'G. HIGHWAY DEP'T

Q	This checklist is designed to give local government appraisal of potential problem areas for achieving of when making structural changes.	iccessib	ility and
1915	Building Access	Yes	No
In accessible	 Are 96" wide parking spaces designated with a 60" access aisle? 		₩.
3	2. Are accessible parking spaces near the main building entrance?		図
stally were haul	3. Is there a "drop off" zone at building entrance	ś 🗌	X
Yobilly Over ho	4. Is the gradient from parking to building entrance 1:12 or less?		Ø
· 2 5	5. Is the entrance doorway at least 32" wide?		A
200 Jag	 Is door handle easy to grasp? 		
uilding rds Ma	7. Is door easy to open (less than 8 lbs. pressure	e) ? 🔯	
£ 3	8. Are other than revolving doors available?	×	
	Building Corridors	Yes	No
	 Is path of travel free of obstruction and wide enough for a wheelchair? 		\boxtimes
	2. Is floor surface hard and not slippery?		図

10. Are exposed hot water pipes located under sinks wrapped in insulation to avoid injury to those individuals using a wheelchair?		×
City Departments that Serve the Gene	ral Pu Yes	blic No
1. Are doors at least 32" wide?		K
2. Is the door easy to open?		abla
3. Is the threshold no more than 1/2" high?		\bowtie
4. Is the path of travel between desk, tables, etc. wide enough for wheelchairs?		$ \boxtimes $
5. Do you have a counter that is too high		

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS CHECKLIST

-OLD GARAGE-HIGHWAY DEPT.

Building Access	Yes	No
1. Are 96" wide parking spaces designated with a 60" access aisle?		M
 Are accessible parking spaces near the main building entrance? 		×
Is there a "drop off" zone at building entrance	\$ [X
4. Is the gradient from parking to building entrance 1:12 or less? Partial perendian locati	₂ √ □ /	(0-
5. Is the entrance doorway at least 32" wide?		
 Is door handle easy to grasp? 	Ø	
7. Is door easy to open (less than 8 lbs. pressur	e)? 🛛	
8. Are other than revolving doors available?	\times	
Building Corridors	Yes	No
 Is path of travel free of obstruction and wide enough for a wheelchair? 		
2. Is floor surface hard and not slippery?	区	
		-

10.Are exposed hot water pipes located under sinks wrapped in insulation to avoid injury to those individuals using a wheelchair?	Ø	
City Departments that Serve the Gene	ral Pu Yes	blic No
 Are doors at least 32" wide? 	Ø.	
2. Is the door easy to open?		Ø
3. Is the threshold no more than 1/2" high?		Ø
4. Is the path of travel between desk, tables, etc. wide enough for wheelchairs?	×	
5. Do you have a counter that is too high		×

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS CHECKLIST

-NEW GARAGE -HIGHWAY DEP'T.

Building Access	Yes	No
1. Are 96" wide parking spaces designated with a 60" access aisle?		Z.
2. Are accessible parking spaces near the main building entrance?		Ø
3. Is there a "drop off" zone at building entrance	s 🗆	Ø
4. Is the gradient from parking to building entrance 1:12 or less? Partial depends on Locati	on []	\ -
5. Is the entrance doorway at least 32" wide?		
Is door handle easy to grasp?		×
7. Is door easy to open (less than 8 lbs. pressur	e)? 🔯	
8. Are other than revolving doors available?	M	
Building Corridors	Yes	No
 Is path of travel free of obstruction and wide enough for a wheelchair? 	R	
2. Is floor surface hard and not slippery?	12X	

10. Are exposed hot water pipes located under sinks wrapped in insulation to avoid injury to those individuals using a wheelchair?	风		
City Departments that Serve the Gene	Yes	blic No	
1. Are doors at least 32" wide?	卤		
2. Is the door easy to open?	Ø		
3. Is the threshold no more than 1/2" high?	Ø.		
4. Is the path of travel between desk, tables, etc wide enough for wheelchairs?	<u>Z</u>		
5. Do you have a counter that is too high to serve individuals in wheelchairs? Not applicable		ΧO	_

I ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS CHECKLIST

Deer Gield School

Building Access	Yes	No
 Are 96" wide parking spaces designated with a 60" access aisle? 		Ø
2. Are accessible parking spaces near the main building entrance?		M
3. Is there a "drop off" zone at building entrance	ŝ 🗌	Ø
4. Is the gradient from parking to building entrance 1:12 or less?		図
5. Is the entrance doorway at least 32" wide?	\boxtimes	
 Is door handle easy to grasp? 	\square	
 Is door easy to open (less than 8 lbs. pressure 	e)? 🛛	
Are other than revolving doors available?	Ø	
Building Corridors	Yes	No
 Is path of travel free of obstruction and wide enough for a wheelchair? 	Ż	
2. Is floor surface hard and not slippery?	×	

10. Are exposed hot water pipes located under sinks wrapped in insulation to avoid injury to those individuals using a wheelchair?		12
City Departments that Serve the Gene	ral Pu Yes	blic No
1. Are doors at least 32" wide?	A	
2. Is the door easy to open?		
3. Is the threshold no more than 1/2" high?	図	
4. Is the path of travel between desk, tables, etc. wide enough for wheelchairs?	Ø	
5. Do you have a counter that is too high to serve individuals in wheelchairs?		\boxtimes

A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH