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Steve:

This letter is being sent to you to capture our discussions related to the walkway that is being proposed to lead to a new reading/sitting area at the Scituate Public Library, located at 85 Branch Street, from our site visit on October 31, 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed location of the walk and the compliance considerations related to the locations being proposed. For the purposes of this letter, the regulations used to review these elements are the 2006 revision of the Massachusetts Architectural Access Boards rules and regulations (MAAB) and/or the 2010 ADA Architectural Design Standards (2010 ADAADS).

At the meeting on 10/31, we discussed the original proposed location (Picture 1 below) for a walkway vs and alternative location (Picture 2 below) for the walkway as there were concerns with the route, grade, length and connection from the originally proposed location.

Picture 1 shows the routes that could be provided from the upper walk. The red arrow represents the shortest route from the walk to the proposed location of the reading/sitting area. That slope, in order to maintain a 5% slope, would require significant grading, or as the yellow line indicates, an alternate, longer route where it is uncertain if a 5% slope could be maintained.



Picture 1

Picture 2, while the angle of the photo is a little deceiving, the picture below shows the route from the accessible parking spaces to the proposed location of the walkway that will lead to the reading/sitting area. Placing the walkway at this location creates a) a shorter route from the accessible parking as well as connecting from the street, to the area; and b) the grading in this area is relatively flat.



Picture 2

Based on the 2 proposed locations we reviewed; as well as the following elements we discussed on-site,

- **Location: This path is the only path to the area,**
- **Width: 60 inches,**
- **Running Slope: Not to exceed 5% (1:20),**
- **Cross Slope: Not to exceed 2% (1:50), and**
- **Surface: Compacted Stone Dust,**

with all these factors incorporated into the project, the location, as identified in Picture 2, would in my opinion, be the best avenue for ensuring compliance under both the MAAB and ADAADS.

It was a pleasure working with you on this project and I continue to offer any support I can as this project moves forward. If there are any questions about this letter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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