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## PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

Cheshire Town Hall  
84 South Main Street  
Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

### ADA COMPLIANCE SUBCOMMITTEE –Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – 10:30 AM

Cheshire High School, Building & Grounds Office, 525 S Main St, Cheshire

Members Present: Richard Clavet (Chairperson)  
David Arai

Members Absent: Phillip Bowman  
Additional Present: John Andrews, Fire Marshal  
Keith Darin, Building Inspector  
Ryan Haley, Silver-Petrucelli

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM. A quorum was determined to be present.

The subcommittee recapitulated their December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to bring Mr. Arai up-to-date with the Building Inspector and Fire Marshal's objections with the design elements of (16) interior doors in terms of encroachment into the corridor, despite the project design being code-compliant.

Fire Marshal, John Andrews reiterated that project code compliancy and egress calculations are not the only factors in determining acceptance of any plan. Despite door swing encroachment calculations being within the code requirement, the FM feels that this encroachment into the egress path creates a worsening situation of existing conditions; a condition he was unwilling to approve. Mr. Darin, Building Inspector, concurred with Mr. Andrews' position.

The signature requirements of local authorities was discussed. The State Construction Grant (SCG) process has been modified to accommodate the reduction in staff at the state level and push the review and signature authorization requirement down to the local level. In essence, local officials are responsible for ensuring code compliancy. The SCG reimbursement rates were then discussed.

Design options were revisited and a design door-by-door review ensued with all the parties present. The following actions were agreed to:

The building official and the fire marshal agreed to sign-off on the submitted PCR design as a code-compliant solution, however their approval is contingent upon modifying the design at the (16) doors per Door Types A1, A2, B, B1, G1 & G2 to provide one of the following three solutions:

- Option 1: Remove the (16) doors from the project scope of work and address them as part of the next project.

- Option 2: Provide new doors at the existing locations that swing into the classrooms rather than swinging out into the corridor.
- Option 3: Provide new 34" wide doors in the existing locations that swing out into the corridor at a lesser encroachment than the existing doors (narrower door to achieve 18" ADA maneuvering clearance at latch side) with option to provide doors with offset hinges to ensure compliance with the code required minimum clear width of 32".

S/P+A will evaluate the (3) options and provide recommendation to the committee based on feasibility and cost.

Selected option will be presented to the BO & FM for their review and approval prior to making any changes to the drawings.

S/P+A will proceed with scheduling PCR meeting for mid-January 2020, which will include the BO & FM approved solutions at the doors in question.

S/P+A will prepare a fee proposal for the egress plan task, additional meetings, redesign of the (16) door openings in question, and updating the final drawings for the PCR.

Rich Clavet to obtain signatures to revised cover sheet from Chesprocott and ADA/504 Officer and return to Silver-Petrucci for the PCR package.

Moved by Mr.Clavet and seconded by Mr. Arai to adjourn at 11:28 AM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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George Noewatne, Director of Public Works and Engineering

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