

MEMO

TO: Devens Enterprise Commission

From: Peter Lowitt

Date: December 2, 2020

RE: Shirley Commons Variance

The DEC has received a copy of the Shirley Meadows variance request to the Commonwealth's Architectural Access Board for variances from the Commonwealth's Hallway and Stairwell handrail requirements. In the application the DEC is named as the local commission on disability, a power not conveyed to the DEC by our enabling act (Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1993). This application was received by our office 11/30/20.

Staff requests permission to send a comment to the Architectural Access Board stating that the DEC is not a local disabilities commission. Ayer is the only one of our three host communities with a local disability commission. Our Building Commissioner is agnostic on the variance request and is focused on not having any issues come back against the Commission. Therefore staff would just send the notice that we are not a local disabilities commission.