PLAINFIELD ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
August 5, 2026

Present: Alicia Weiss, Chair; Dawn Fancher; Mary Lane;, Andy Robinson, Select Board(SB) Liaison; Jaime Hammack; **Absent:** Allison Joyall who had internet connection issues.

Call meeting to order: Called to order at 5:18pm

Review, propose changes, adopt agenda:

No changes to agenda, agenda adopted unanimously

Review/approve draft minutes of 2026: Minutes approved unanimously

Public Comment: None

Updates:

Jaime was formally approved as Committee member by the Select Board.

Peter reports (re)paving completed at the accessible parking space at Town Hall, but it is not fully completed. The paving is done, but it needs to be sealed and the paint applied.

Alicia will attend League of Women Voters VT (LWVVT) Voter Access Meetings on behalf of REVUP VT. LWVVT has been a disability ally in the past.

Aly Richard's, Democratic Candidate for Governor in the Upcoming Primary on 8/11/2026, has an updated platform making it clear where she stands on access to voting for disabled Vermonters. When it comes to democracy, universal Australian ballot is universal design and access: "Make sure every Vermonter's voice is heard. Democracy only works when people participate. As Governor, I will protect access to the ballot box, defend the right to peaceful protest, and make sure Vermonters have the information and education they need to know their rights and use them. That includes the votes closest to home: I will support a universal Australian ballot for every election, including our local ones. We can expand ballot access for every Vermonter while preserving the time for neighbors to come together to discuss, debate, and shape their town's future before ballots are cast. And I will make sure every town has what it needs to do both well." This prompted a discussion about Aly's opponent, Amanda Janoo. The committee expressed concerns that despite multiple conversations with disability advocates, Janoo appeared resistant to changing her position on bringing back in-person town meetings, leading some to question her commitment to accessibility concerns.

Update on scheduling Title II training: Some committee members still need to provide input on the dates that work for them.

Discuss any additional data. Review survey and refine/solidify plans for distribution (virtual and paper), including who will do what: Discussion around suggested questions for the survey, and the appropriate wording. The group also noted they needed to develop a distribution plan and set deadlines for the completion of the survey.

The group decided to implement both digital and paper versions. They agreed to use Google Forms for the online version with definitions included, while also creating paper ballots to be distributed at various locations including the

town office, library, senior center, and potentially at the farmer's market. Dawn suggested reaching out to specific residents and possible alumni networks to ensure engagement from younger voters who may be away at college or in the military

Eligibility requirements for their survey was brought up, and it was decided to include a question about voter registration status while also providing resources for people to verify their eligibility through vote.vermont.gov or the town clerk's office. Issues with the voter portal's accessibility and usability, particularly with dropdown menus, was mentioned by Dawn. The group agreed to set a deadline for distributing the survey as a next step.

Jamie said they would create a Google Form with notification settings and response copies enabled. Alicia will format the print version and handle distribution at the Senior Center and library. A deadline of mid-September for survey responses was discussed, potentially coinciding with Old Home Days on September 12th. The team agreed to test the form before the August 19th meeting and will discuss next steps at that meeting. Dawn reports she will not be at that meeting.

Other business: Mary reports being disappointed in learning that Amanda Janoo is not on board for working towards changing voting to Australian Ballot so everyone can vote! She is in contact with one of the campaign workers, and will bring this up with her.

Announce next meeting: August 19,2026 at 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:47pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lane