

**PLAINFIELD ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

Present: Alicia Weiss, Dawn Fancher, Mitch Pauley Mary Lane

Call meeting to order: Called to order at 5:41

Review, propose changes, adopt agenda: The Committee decided to shorten the meeting due to health reasons and schedule overlap, and debated whether to reschedule a full meeting for two weeks' time or proceed with their next regular meeting, the latter was chosen.

Review/edit/approve minutes of draft minutes of November 5, 2025: The Committee discussed the meeting minutes and agreed to adopt the edited version, with Alicia explaining that the edits were made to correct misattributions and remove unnecessary details while maintaining a clear record of the meeting for future and external reference.

Public Comment: None

Town Communications: Town Hall Lift, Outreach to Granary: The lift at the municipal building was out of service due to the building settling and needing obsolete parts. Alicia shared that she had inquired about the elevator repair status with Carol (assistant Town Clerk) , who explained that the building's age and elevator obsolescence were contributing factors to the ongoing maintenance challenges.

The need for a 501.c non-profit fiscal sponsor for the Granary's eligibility for grants to improve accessibility was discussed, with Alicia reporting considering reaching out to potential sponsors. (The Granary is a nonincorporated non-profit.)

Mitch and his wife Rae Carter shared information about the Resilience Hub's efforts to secure PACT as a fiscal sponsor, which would support projects like the Granary.

Scheduling for ADA training update: Alicia did not receive the requested test responses to the online Google scheduling form, necessary to determine whether it was operating correctly, before broader dissemination. Mitch noted that he had submitted a response, but Alicia has not received notification. This will require some troubleshooting.

Discussion of presentations by Kate Larose and Maria Rinaldi and implications for Plainfield: . It was decided to postpone discussing presentations by Kate and Maria regarding the implications for Plainfield and agreed to review the working documents Dawn had provided before their next meeting on March 4th.

Act 133 Working Group, Legislative activity, and REVUp VT updates: Alicia expressed concern that disability is not mentioned as a protected class in recent voting rights presentations, highlighting the need for interpreters and language accommodations for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. Dawn and Alicia discussed the implications of this oversight and the urgency of protecting voting rights, noting that the bill was introduced in the Senate on the 23rd

and sent to the Senate Government Operations Committee. Alicia expressed optimism about the bill's potential to address disability issues if appropriate amendments are accepted but acknowledged the challenges of getting it through the legislative process, particularly given the current legal challenges facing the Secretary of State's office.

The Committee also discussed several key topics, including voting access and disability rights. Alicia shared information about the Human Rights Commission's 23 policy recommendations, focusing on immigrants, the unhoused, and voting access for people with disabilities.

Alicia also shared information about a potential RevUp chapter in Vermont, a disability voter outreach initiative, noting that Kate Larose had asked her to participate in the Vermont team.

Timeline for public outreach and education about accessible voting: The Committee discussed Dawn's proposed timeline for implementing a town meeting model similar to Jericho Vermont's, which includes pre-meetings and Australian ballot voting, with a target of getting it on the ballot for 2027. Dawn emphasized that the timeline is still in the discussion phase and will be adjusted as needed, with input from other members like Mitch who has been reviewing the document. Mary suggested making this the focus of their next meeting, and it was decided to schedule it for their next meeting on March 4th. Members agreed to review the document and where appropriate, offer comments before March 4th,

Set date/time for next meeting: Next meeting will be held at 5:30 on March 4th.

Adjourn meeting: Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lane