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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING and
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Carol Kowalski, Director
DATE: July 13, 2015
RE: Two Accessible parking spaces, Maple Street
Cc: A. Chapdelaine, C. Rateau, M. Rademacher, J. Jones, S. Carp

This memorandum requests that the Board act to designate two accessible parking spaces on Maple Street near the Central School. At present there are no on-street or on-site designated accessible parking spaces that meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The Disabilities Commission and the Council on Aging are headquartered in the Central School and tenants include the Arlington Seniors Association and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Development Services and Department of Mental Health. The need for these spaces is further justified by members of the public visiting the nearby Masonic Temple and Friends of the Drama.




As shown on the attached map, one space would be designated on Maple Street just before its intersection with Academy Street. The other accessible space would be just after the east curb-cut of the half-circle driveway. These proposed locations for accessible spaces have been determined with advice from Safety Officer Corey Rateau, Director of Public Works Mike Rademacher, Council on Aging Director Susan Carp, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator Jack Jones, and with the Disabilities Commission. These proposed locations and dimensions are considered optimal to meet code requirements and for public convenience. Locations on the site of the Central School were considered, but steep grades, distance from the accessible entry door and prior parking arrangements with building occupants preclude designating accessible spaces on-site. Designating a code-compliant space on Maple Street near the Academy Street intersection could also keep that corner free of illegally parked cars that block the intersection.

I appreciate the Board's consideration of this request, and will be pleased to provide further information or to answer questions.

25 Academy St Arlington Senior Center

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LEGEND

-  Major Road
-  Local Road
-  Parcel Boundary



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