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Accessibility and Evaluation Report for use of 562 Broadway as Ward 6 Precinct 3 Polling Location of all Future Elections

In accordance with the requirements of Mass General Laws, Chapter 54: Section 24 the City of Malden is requesting the approval of a new polling location for all future elections held in Ward 6, Precinct 3. The need for this location change became necessary with the redistricting process after the 2020 Federal Census. The City of Malden has increased in population causing our need for polling locations from 16 precincts to 27 (24 precincts in 8 wards with 3 sub-precincts).

The proposed location is the Loyal Order of the Moose, Malden Lodge # 1910, located at 562 Broadway. This is an ADA compliant building that has served the Malden community for the better portion of the past century. In years past, this location had served as a polling location for Ward 6 and Club Administrator, Henry Dorazio, is eager to open the building once again to Malden's voting population. A completed accessibility survey, as produced by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and supporting photographs are attached to this request for proper review.

The Malden Moose is a building well-known to the whole of the city, as it hosts year-round fundraisers and charitable events as well as private parties to those looking to rent hall space. The building is directly located on two different city bus routes and provides an ample parking lot with outlined spaces for regular and handicapped parkers.

The interior of the building provides the space and accommodations to be able to serve voters of all abilities and is able to house all the necessary equipment needed to responsibly conduct in person voting.

For all of the reasons as stated above, Malden's City Clerk and Board of Registrars of Voters maintain that utilizing this community building as a polling location would not cause any disparate, adverse impacts on access to the polls based on race, national origin, disability, income, or age and respectfully request the Secretary's approval of this application.

On February 17, 2022, a representative of the Secretary of State's Office contacted the Assistant Registrar of Voters to confirm the Malden Moose Hall is in compliance with Polling Place Accessibility for Elderly and Handicapped Voters regulations. 950 C.M.R. ss 51.00, et seq. and has been approved for use as the Ward 6, Precinct 3 polling location.

POLLING PLACE AND REGISTRATION SITE ACCESS

LOCATION: 562 Broadway, Malden DATE: Feb. 8, 2022

WARD: 6 PRECINCT: 3

SURVEYOR: Gregory Lucey SURVEYOR: Carol Ann Desiderio

TITLE: City Clerk/Reg. of Voters TITLE: Asst. Registrar of Voters

This checklist is based on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's regulations for polling place accessibility 950 CMR 51:00. To complete this survey, you will need a level and a tape measure. Please specify in the "Comments" section, below, any issues that need further clarification.

1. Site access (Path of Travel):

(a) The paths of travel to the polling place from the parking lot and from the street are clear, reasonably lit, and unobstructed.

(b) The paths have continuous common surfaces, not interrupted by steps or abrupt changes in level greater than 1/2 inch.

(c) The path of travel is the same or a substantially similar distance for all persons entering the polling place.

<p>Comments (City/Town Representative):</p> <p>All persons enter the polling place from the same door, which is adjacent to a very large, well lit parking lot. The entrance is a flat surface going into the door, no steps or abrupt changes in level.</p>	<p>Comments (Monitor):</p>
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2. Parking:

X (a) The required number of handicapped parking spaces is provided as follows:

<u>total no. of parking spaces</u>	<u>no. of handicapped spaces required</u>
1 - 25	1
26 - 50	2
51 - 75	3
76 - 100	4
101 - 150	5
151 - 200	6
201 - 300	7
301 - 400	8
401 - 500	9
501 -1,000	2% of total
1,001 and over	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1,000

(b) for parking lots striped prior to 9/1/96:

N/A (1) The handicapped parking spaces are 8 feet wide and have an adjacent 4 foot access aisle which is painted or striped yellow. The parking lot is reasonably lit.

N/A (2) The handicapped parking spaces are identified by a sign at each space or pair of spaces containing the International Symbol of Accessibility, with the top of the sign between 5 and 8 feet high above the ground.

(c) for parking lots striped after 9/1/96:

X (1) The handicapped parking spaces are 8 feet wide and have an adjacent 5 foot access aisle which is marked by high contrast painted lines or other high contrast delineation. The parking lot is reasonably lit.

X (2) Is there at least one "van accessible" space. (one in every eight accessible spaces must be van accessible, but no less than one) This space is 8 feet wide and has an adjacent 8-foot wide access aisle which is marked by high contrast painted lines or other high contrast delineation. The parking lot is reasonable lit.

X (3) Each handicapped parking space is identified by a sign containing the International Symbol of Accessibility, with the top of the sign between 5 and 8 feet high above the ground. Van accessible spaces shall include the words "Van Accessible."

N/A (d) Any sidewalk provided at the handicapped parking spaces has a curb cut (sidewalk ramp), with a slope no greater than 1:12, at each space or pair of spaces.

N/A (e) If no parking lot is available, there is at least one on-street parking space which is at least temporarily designated as a handicapped parking space during the election in front of the polling place.

<p>Comments (City/Town Representative): The Malden Moose has three handicapped spaces for a parking lot that has less than 75 regular spots.</p>	<p>Comments (Monitor):</p>
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3. Entrance

X (a) At least one entrance to the building is accessible.

X (b) The approach to the accessible entrance is a paved walk or ramp with a non-slip surface uninterrupted by steps or changes in level greater than 1/2 inch. There is a level space 60 inches from the door on both the exterior and interior sides.

X (c) Lever handles or other accessible hardware are provided on doors, so that they may be operated with a closed fist.

X (d) Doorways are at least 32 inches clear width. Door thresholds are no higher than 1/2 inch above the floor.

N/A (e) If the main entrance is not accessible, signs direct people to the accessible entrance.

N/A (f) If the accessible entrance is not the main entrance, it is unlocked and able to be used without assistance during the same hours as the main entrance.

Comments (City/Town Representative):	Comments (Monitor):
All doors have push bars on the interior and exterior hardware that allows operator to open door with a closed fist. Doors are also made to be propped open, if necessary, for added ease of use.	

4. Ramps

N/A (a) If the entrance has stairs, there is either a permanent or portable ramp. If permanent, the ramp has a slope no steeper than 1:12.

N/A (b) The ramp is at least 48 inches wide.

N/A (c) The ramp has two pairs of handrails along both sides that are round or oval in shape and are set in pairs, one at a height between 34 and 38 inches and a lower one at a height between 18 and 20 inches.

N/A (d) If the ramp is portable, it is as close to 1:12 as possible, and either handrails or wheel guards at least two inches high on both sides are provided.

(e) Please describe the portable ramp (if applicable):

<p>Comments (City /Town Representative):</p> <p>There is no exterior ramp to get into the building. There is one interior ramp but it complies with all criteria as listed above.</p>	<p>Comments (Monitor):</p>
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5. Building Interior

X (a) All interior doors, approaches, and ramps necessary to obtain access to the polling place comply with 3 and 4 above.

X (b) An accessible route which provides a continuous unobstructed path at least 36 inches wide is maintained inside the polling place and shall coincide with the route for the general public.

Comments (City/Town Representative):	Comments (Monitor):
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6. Voting Equipment

X (a) All Polls - A sample ballot will be posted on the wall no higher than 48 inches above the floor.

X (b) Paper or Datavote ballots - At least one marking shelf (one for each party in a primary for Datavote) provides a clear space under it at least 30 inches wide, at least 27 inches clear to the underside, and no more than 32 inches high to the top. Any Datavote stylus handle is at least 1 ¼ inches thick and at least 3 inches long.

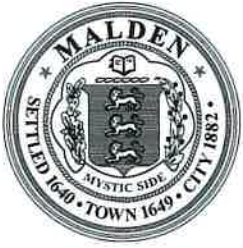
N/A (c) Voting machines - At least one machine has a sample ballot posted inside, not higher than 48 inches.

N/A Voting levers are no higher than 48 inches above the floor, or a "reacher" is available for the upper levels.

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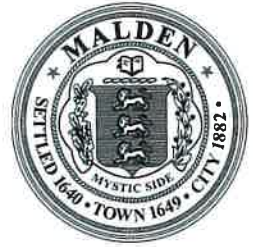
PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED SURVEY TO:

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTN: Bridget Simmons Murphy
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division
1 Ashburton Place, 17th floor
Boston, MA 02108**



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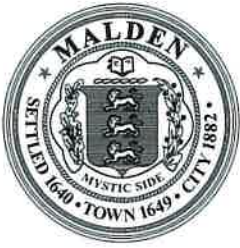
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Handrails from three angles on the interior wheelchair ramp entering the polling location.

Shots of the exterior indicating no steps or abrupt inclines getting into building along with some of the handicapped parking outlines.





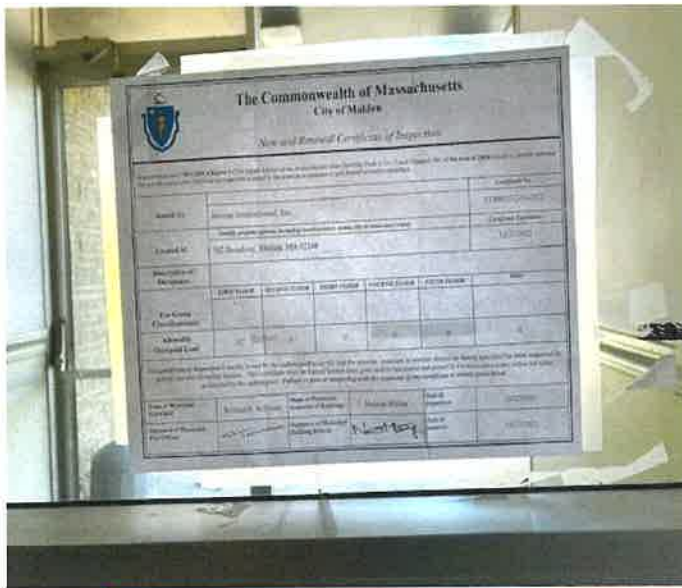
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Entrance to polling location wide enough for people who use wheelchairs or walkers.

The inside of the hall itself is plenty big enough to house Ward 6, Precinct 3.

Microsoft Office Word interface showing an email message. The message is from Bridget Simmons (SEC) to Carol Ann Davanzo, dated 2/17/2022 2:12 PM. The subject is 'RE: Going back to an old polling place'. The body of the email contains the following text:

Dear Carol Ann,

Thank you for that clarification regarding the interior ramp.

Thank you for compiling detailed information regarding the proposed new polling place for Ward 6 Precinct 3 at the Malden Moose Lodge #1910 located at 562 Broadway in Malden.

The documentation you provided reviewed a number of issues (site access, parking, entrance, and building interior) at the Malden Moose Lodge. After a thorough review of these documents and photos, it appears the location is fully compliant with the regulations governing accessibility of polling places.

Thank you for all of your hard work ensuring that this proposed polling place in Malden is accessible for all voters.

-Bridget