



Milton Commission on Disability
525 Canton Avenue
Milton, MA 02186

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1000 Washington Street
Suite 710
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Dear William Joyce,

The Milton Commission on Disabilities respectfully requests that the Board deny the variance request by Milton Academy, 170 Centre St. Milton, seeking relief from Sections 24.5.5 and 24.5.6 of 521 CMR at the Academy's Caroline Saltonstall Gym facility located at 142 Centre St. Milton.

At its meeting on 1/5/2021, The Commission reviewed the variance application and related material and have the following concerns:

1. The applicant's cost estimate (shown in appendix B) seems to indicate that at least a portion of the existing rail would need to be demolished. The Commission felt that this cost could be significantly reduced by simply adding an upper rail in a similar style to the existing lower rail. No demolition of the existing rail structure would be required.
2. The Commission felt that the cost of \$8,550, is not excessive or prohibitive, given the cost of the overall project.
3. The estimated cost of the overall project is very close to the 30% value of the building. Typical cost overruns on a project of this size could easily trigger full compliance on the entire building. Eliminating this work would help serve to prevent bringing this building into full compliance.

Should you have any questions, Milton's ADA Co-ordinator and Building Commissioner, Joe Prondak, can be reached at 617-898-4926. If unable to reach Joe, I can be reached at 617-834-4848.

Thank you for giving our input consideration to assist those in need of this accommodation when entering this building owned by Milton Academy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane DiTullio Agostino".

Diane DiTullio Agostino
Chair, Milton Commission on Disability