

### **Americans with Disabilities Act Grievance Procedure**

This grievance procedure is established to meet the requirements of the ADA. It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the Town of Seekonk.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number, email address of complainant and location, date, and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted as soon as possible, preferably within 60 calendar days of the alleged violation to:

ADA Coordinator, Neal Abelson, Seekonk Town Hall, 100 Peck Street, Seekonk, MA 02771; 508-336-2990

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, Neal Abelson will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, Neal Abelson will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in format that is accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the Town of Seekonk and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by Neal Abelson does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant may appeal the decision within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response to the Municipal Hearing Officer, John J. Aubin, III, or designee.

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Municipal Grievance Officer, or designee, will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, the Municipal Hearing Officer, or designee, will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format that is accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.