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Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: June 7, 2023

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Hybrid: Merrimac Senior Center, 86 West Main Street, Merrimac, MA and Zoom

Members Present:

Christopher Gaudet, Chairman
Robert Hart, Vice Chairman
Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary
Ann Marie Murphy, Member (remote)
Bob Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer (remote)
Margaret Sullivan, Member
Brienne Walsh, Member

Also Present: Irina Gorzynski

Kristen Bergman
Roni Bergman
Jeremiah Murphy (remote)

Agenda Item No: I

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Agenda Item No: II

Approve Agenda

Brienne Walsh made a motion to accept the agenda for the June 7, 2023 meeting. Robert Sinibaldi seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item No: III

Approve Minutes from May 3, 2023 Meeting

Commission on Disabilities members considered the minutes.

Margaret Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 3, 2023 meeting.

Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The minutes from the May 3, 2023 meeting are accepted.

Agenda Item No: IV

Old Business

1. \$45,000 Earmark for ADA improvements at Sweetsir and Donaghue Schools Update

Updates: Nine power door openers have been installed. Ramp at Donaghue School is done. 115 signs with Braille to be installed within the next few weeks. Two ADA compliant cafeteria tables with spaces for wheelchairs will be delivered by next week.

Invoice reviewed: Port SignWorks: \$7,315.00. Brienne Walsh made a motion to pay the invoice Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

Invoice reviewed: Hertz Furniture: \$5745.90. Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to pay the invoice Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

Steve Merritt Masonry: \$8500.00. Brienne Walsh made a motion to pay the invoice Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

2. MOD Sidewalk Grant Update

\$45,000 grant to replace more Church Street sidewalks. The goal is to have new sidewalks from the Sweetsir School to the center of town. EJ Paving is scheduled to complete the project. Steve Merritt will install curb cuts. Ann Marie Murphy made a motion to approve payment of \$6000.00 to install curb cuts. Robert Sinibaldi seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

After spending \$6000 for curb cuts, \$39,000 of the grant remains. \$36,037 is needed to complete the sidewalks along Church Street in front of the Sweetsir School. Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to use \$36,037.00 to complete the project. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

After the Sweetsir project is complete, \$2,963.00 is left. COD members discussed using these funds towards completing the sidewalk project. Brienne Walsh made a motion to use the funds at Robert Sinibaldi's discretion towards the completion of Church Street sidewalks. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

3. 5 East Main Street Ramp

Christopher Gaudet reached out to the owner and he is going to pull out the ramp and install an ADA compliant ramp with a platform. Robert Sinibaldi will keep the COD updated on the project.

4. Town's New Website

The new website is still under construction. COD will continue to monitor ADA accessibility.

Agenda Item No: V

Agenda Items

1. Light Department Regarding ADA Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

The Merrimac Light Department is looking into installing Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. The Department invited Chris Gaudet to the next meeting to discuss accessibility and ADA compliance for the parking space. There is a meeting June 21 at 5:00 at the Police Station if anyone is interested in more information.

Agenda Item No: VI

Open Discussion

Quote from Port Signs for new parking signs was \$3000.00 for labor, posts, and signs and includes:

2 ADA Accessible Parking wall mounted signs at Donaghue School

1 No Parking wall mounted sign at Donaghue School

2 ADA Accessible Parking signs and posts at Sweetsir School.

Signes will be installed after Dig Safe is completed and the new lines are painted in the Donaghue parking lot.

Margaret Sullivan made a motion to spend \$3,000.00 to buy and install signs and posts at the Sweetsir and Donaghue Schools. Brienne Walsh seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

Old Home Days offered the COD a table at the Donaghue Field on Saturday. Brienne Walsh will coordinate a sign to be included at the Senior Center table thanking citizens of Merrimac for their support.

Merrimac residents Kristen and Roni Bergman from 50 Church Street asked about the absence of the curb on their sidewalk in front of their house. Robert Sinibaldi responded that the old curbs are buried under layers of paving of the street.

The residents also raised the question of including solar panels with the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Agenda Item No: VII

Adjourn

Next Meeting: August 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Hybrid: Merrimac Senior Center, 86 West Main Street, Merrimac, MA and Zoom

Brienne Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

COD May 2023 Meeting Minutes

COD meeting agenda June, 2023

MassEVIP Public Access Charging (PAC) Program Requirements

Invoice from Steve Merritt

Invoice from Prot Sign

Invoice from Hertz Furniture

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature:

