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Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: October 4, 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
Bob Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer
Margaret Sullivan, Member
Brienne Walsh, Member

Also Present:

Irina Gorzynski, Select Board Member
Roni Bergman, Merrimac Resident
Kristen Bergman, Merrimac Resident

Agenda Item No: I

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item No: II

Approve Agenda

Ann Marie Murphy made a motion to accept the agenda for the October 4, 2023 meeting. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item No: III

Approve Minutes from September 6, 2023 Meeting

Commission on Disabilities members considered the minutes.

Brienne Walsh made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 6, 2023 meeting with changes. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The minutes from the September 6, 2023 meeting are accepted.

Agenda Item No: IV

Old Business

1. 5 East Main Street Ramp

Christopher Gaudet met with the Select Board on October 2, 2023. There was a question of whether or not the building is public or private property. The Select Board asked COD to send a letter to the owner. COD to send an updated letter.

2. New curb cut exceeds 2% slope at Donaghue School

Robert Sinibaldi reported that the curb cut at Donaghue is being fixed now.

3. New curb cut located corner of East Main and Crossing Way exceeds 2% cross slope

Robert Sinibaldi reported that the curb cut at East Main and Crossing Way is being fixed now.

4. Tennis Court Improvements

During renovations, two gates to the tennis courts were removed and one ADA compliant gate was installed. Both gates should be ADA compliant. The COD was not included in the process of approval for the renovations. In the future the Select Board will include COD in the approval process for town projects before they are started. Ann Marie Murphy made a motion to move on from the tennis court project even though the second exit is not ADA compliant. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

5. Snow removal on town owned sidewalks

State and town agree we need to plow sidewalks. However, DPW is short staffed with only four workers instead of six.

6. Apply for a grant to review ADA compliance on town websites.

Christopher Gaudet did apply for a grant and will find out in December if we receive it.

7. EJ Paving Invoices

Paving invoices were considered. First invoice was for \$36,037 for sidewalks in front of Sweetsir School. Brienne Walsh made a motion to pay the invoice. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. Second invoice was for \$3600 for sidewalks from Railroad to Church Street. Brienne Walsh made a motion to pay the invoice. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

Agenda Item No: V **Agenda Items**

1. \$1,000 donation to the COD from Bankprov.

Ann Marie Murphy made a motion to accept the donation. Robert Sinibaldi seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

2. Discuss reaching out to post office regarding Push Button Power Door Openers

The Post Office changed ownership. Christopher Gaudet wonders if COD should reach out to ask them to consider installing Push Button Power Door Openers. Brienne Walsh made a motion to have Christopher Gaudet approach the new owners regarding installation of Push Button Power Door Openers. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

3. ADA cafeteria table for Sweetsir School

ADA compliant tables for the Sweetsir School cost \$18,496 each. Margaret Sullivan made a motion to purchase two tables for Sweetsir School. Robert Sinibaldi seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

4. Request earmark from Senator Finegold and Representative Shand for ADA projects

COD discussed requesting \$45,000 Earmark for curb cuts and sidewalks from Senator Finegold's office. Brienne Walsh made a motion to request the \$45,000 earmark. Robert Sinibaldi seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

5. Select Board request for quarterly report regarding COD projects

Brienne Walsh made a motion to submit the list of COD projects to the Select Board. Ann Marie Murphy seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

Agenda Item No: VI

Open Discussion

Brienne Walsh and Christopher Gaudet met with Seth Moulton and requested for him to meet with the Select Board.

CODA meeting did not have any major updates.

Merrimac Master Plan will be completed in two years. First meeting for this is in November 2023.

Agenda Item No: VII

Adjourn

Next Meeting: November 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Hybrid: Merrimac Senior Center, 86 West Main Street, Merrimac, MA and Zoom

Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

COD September 2023 Meeting Minutes

COD meeting agenda October, 2023

EJ Paving Invoice

Slope Compliance worksheet and photograph of compliant sidewalk

Architectural Access Board regulations and ADA Guides

IHCD proposal

Email from William Joyce of AAB in Boston, MA

COD projects summary for Select Board

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature:

