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Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024

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 (remote)
Margaret Sullivan, Member
Brienne Walsh, Member (remote)
Bridget Batcheller, Member (remote)

Members not Present:

Robert Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer
Ann Marie Murphy, Member

Also Present:

Jeremiah Murphy, Veterans' Service

Agenda Item No: I

Call to Order

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

Agenda Item No: II

Approve Agenda

Robert Hart made a motion to accept the agenda for the April 3, 2024 meeting. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item No: III

Approve Minutes from March 6, 2024 Meeting

Commission on Disabilities members considered the minutes from the March 6, 2024 meeting. Margaret Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda Item No: IV

Old Business

1. Section 504 Complaint Filed with US Access Board regarding Post Office Doors

Christopher Gaudet was contacted by Mario B. Damiani, Senior Compliance Specialist of the United States Access Board. Complaint will be filed April 4, 2024.

2. 5 East Main Street regarding newly built non-compliant ramp.

Jeff Smith reached out to Bob Sinibaldi to determine next steps.

3. Institute for Human Design signed proposal for ADA website review

Review is still in progress and there are no updates yet.

Agenda Item No: V

Agenda Items

1. MOD Grant

Christopher Gaudet looked through previous grants and noted that the MOD grants have never been awarded for flashing lights for crosswalks. The grant has been utilized for sidewalks and curb cuts. The grant opens on May 1, 2024. Discussion will continue and this item will be on the next MOD agenda.

2. AARP Grant for Sidewalks (Bridget Batcheller)

Bridget Batcheller is working on the grant. If we are awarded the grant, COD will notify Robert Sinibaldi immediately so that the work can be completed by the grant deadline.

3. 12 School Street handicap parking space needs signs.

There are still no signs. Christopher Gaudet will reach out about the signs which are required by the ADA.

4. Dunkin Donuts handicap parking space needs signs

There are no Handicapped Parking signs in front of the spaces at the Merrimac Dunkin. Also, the aisles are not wide enough. A COD member will measure the space and Christopher Gaudet will let the owner know that he needs to install signs.

Agenda Item No: VI

Open Discussion

Dr. Bartholomew reached out to Christopher Gaudet about previous concerns at the new Middle/High School. The non compliant Exit signs will be replaced soon with ADA compliant signs. He will update the COD once there is information about the noncompliant bench and the number of handicapped parking spaces.

Agenda Item No: VII

Adjourn

Next Meeting: May 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Hybrid: Merrimac Senior Center, 86 West Main Street, Merrimac, MA and Zoom

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

COD March 2024 Meeting Minutes
COD meeting agenda April 2024

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature:

