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Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: October 2, 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
Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary
Bob Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer (remote)
Margaret Sullivan, Member
Brienne Walsh, Member
Robert Hart, Vice Chairman

Not in Attendance:

Bridget Batcheller, Alternate
Ann Marie Murphy, Member

Agenda Item No: I

Call to Order

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

Agenda Item No: II

Approve Agenda

Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to accept the agenda for the October 2, 2024 meeting. Brienne Walsh seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item No: III

Approve Minutes from September 4, 2024 Meeting

Tabled until next month.

Agenda Item No: IV

Old Business

1. 5 East Main Street regarding the newly built non-compliant ramp.

Christopher Gaudet talked to the owner four weeks ago and there were problems with the contractor. Robert Sinibaldi talked to the owner recently and there is a new contractor so the new ramp will be completed soon.

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

Department Heads have the information. Christopher Gaudet will reach out in a month or two to get progress updates.

3. MOD Grant for curb cuts around Donaghue School Emergency route not ADA compliant

Still waiting, no update.

4. 12 School Street handicap parking spaces need signs

Signs are up and spaces are all set.

5. Dunkin Donuts handicap parking space needs signs

Signs are up and spaces are all set.

6. Greenbelt (David McKinnon) in regards to ADA trails

No update.

8. 99 East Main Street Renovations

Christopher Gaudet will talk to owners regarding the installation of the handicapped parking sign. Town building permit was signed off by RObert Sinibaldi as completed without the sign. The business is waiting for the state to inspect and approve.

Discussion ensued with members to clarify that the handicapped parking signs are legally mandated even though they make it harder to clear snow.

Agenda Item No: V

Agenda Items

1. ADA website review by IHCD for Light Department

Information was forwarded to the Light Department

2. Handicap Parking Signs and No Parking Signs at Senior Center

At the Merrimac Senior Center people have been parking in the lined spaces and blocking vehicles with legal handicapped plates preventing access in and out of the vehicles. Handicapped parking signage may help. Christopher Gaudet will look into using funds to install seven mandatory handicapped parking signs.

Agenda Item No: VI

Open Discussion

N/A

Agenda Item No: VII

Adjourn

Next Meeting: November 6, 2024 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 Sinibaldi seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

COD meeting agenda October 2024

Merrimac Electric Company Website Accessibility and Inclusive Design Review

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature:

