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Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: December 4, 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
Bridget Batcheller, Alternate
Robert Hart, Vice Chairman

Not in Attendance:

Bob Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer
Margaret Sullivan, Member
Brienne Walsh, Member
Ann Marie Murphy, Member

Also Present:

Irina Gorzynski, Select Board Member

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 December 4, 2024 meeting. Kathleen Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item No: III

Approve Minutes from November 6, 2024 Meeting

Commission on Disabilities members considered the minutes from the November 6, 2024 meeting. Kathleen 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. 5 East Main Street regarding the newly built non-compliant ramp.

The compliant ramp is being worked on now.

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

Christopher Gaudet shared the information from the Institute for Human Design with the Select Board members and the Web Designer. The issues with the Merrimac Web Site were discussed at the Select Board meeting last Monday but COD members were not present. Christopher Gaudet will reach out to have the issue added to the next agenda and will attend the next meeting to explain the importance of the issues with the site's accessibility. Irina will help coordinate communication with the Select Board. The web site does need to be fixed so that it is ADA compliant.

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

The grant for the curb cuts was denied.

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

No current updates

5. 99 Main Street renovations

New Handicapped Parking signs are in place.

6. Annual Report

Brienne Walsh is in the process of generating the COD Annual Report. No current updates on progress.

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1. Door to platform lift exceeds five pound maximum pull located at Town Hall

Associate Elevators were contacted and they reported that the next time they are out to do maintenance of a check, they will check the maximum pull. COD may be able to measure it if they get access to the device needed to measure the force needed to open the door.

2. Margaret Sullivan resignation

COD members considered Margaret Sullivan's letter of resignation from the COD. Robert Hart made a motion to accept the resignation. Kathleen Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The resignation was accepted.

3. Vote to move Bridget Batcheller from alternate to member

Kathleen Sullivan made a motion to accept moving Bridget Batcheller from an alternate to member of COD. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

4. COD Facebook Page

COD members discussed the development of a COD Facebook Page. Bridget Batcheller volunteered to work to develop the page and to be the administrator of the page.

Agenda Item No: VI

Open Discussion

COD members discussed requesting Earmarks from the state representatives.

Options include:

1. Flashing Crosswalk signs for the intersection of Union Street Extension and Route 110.
2. Donaghue School Basketball Court resurfacing
3. Accessible picnic tables or benches for the Donaghue School grounds.

Christopher Gaudet will follow up with Robert Sinibaldi to get feedback..

Christopher Gaudet will also reach out to Senator Feingold's office.

Agenda Item No: VII

Adjourn

Next Meeting: February 5, 2025 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. Christopher Gaudet seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

COD November 2024 Meeting Minutes

COD meeting agenda November 2024

Email from Anoop Sundararajan from IHCD regarding website

Email resignation from Margaret Sullivan

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature: