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## Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: September 3, 2025      Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Hybrid: Merrimac Police Station Meeting Room, 2 Jana Way, Merrimac, MA and Zoom

### Members Present:

Christopher Gaudet, Chairman  
Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary  
Brienne Walsh, Member (remote)  
Robert Hart, Vice Chairman  
Bridget Batcheller, Member (remote)  
Robert Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer

### Not in Attendance:

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 September 3, 2025 meeting. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

### **Agenda Item No: III**

#### **Approve Minutes from August 6, 2025 Meeting**

Commission on Disabilities members considered the minutes from the August 6, 2025 meeting. Robert Hart made a motion to approve the minutes. Robert Sinibaldi seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The meeting minutes were approved.

### **Agenda Item No: IV**

#### **Old Business**

##### **1. Institute for Human Design ADA website review**

No updates.

##### **2. \$50,000.00 earmark request to refinish the basketball court surface and create accessible access points at the Donaghue School**

COD is still waiting for the contract.

##### **3. FY26 MOD Grant for Curb Cuts**

COD is still waiting to see if this grant is approved.

### **Agenda Item No: V**

#### **Agenda Items**

##### **1. White Cane Awareness Day**

On October 24, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind is hosting White Cane Awareness Day to celebrate the independence of the white cane and to raise awareness of the White Cane Law. White Cane Awareness Day will be held at Massachusetts State House in the Great Hall in Boston.

### **Agenda Item No: VI**

#### **Open Discussion**

Robert Sinibaldi shared that Winter Street sidewalks and curb cuts are completed. The road will be paved next week.

Christopher Gaudet shared that budgets will be out soon. The COD will again request \$45,000 for sidewalks. If the money is approved, Robert Sinibaldi recommends continuing to expand sidewalks on Winter Street.

Robert Sinibaldi shared that he is in the process of installing a rapid beacon flashing light for the crosswalk at the intersection of Orchard, Main , and Union Street Extension.

**Agenda Item No: VII**

**Adjourn**

Next Meeting: October 1, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Hybrid: Merrimac Police Station Meeting Room, 2 Jana Way, Merrimac, MA and Zoom

Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christopher Gaudet seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

COD August 2025 Meeting Minutes  
COD meeting agenda September 2025  
White Cane Awareness Flyer

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:  
Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature: