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Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: February 5, 2025 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 (remote)
Brienne Walsh, Member
Bridget Batcheller, Alternate (remote)

Not in Attendance:

Bob Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer
Ann Marie Murphy, Member
Robert Hart, Vice Chairman

Agenda Item No: I

Call to Order

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

Agenda Item No: II

Approve Agenda

Brienne Walsh made a motion to accept the agenda for the February 5, 2025 meeting. Christopher Gaudet seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item No: III

Approve Minutes from December 4, 2024 Meeting

Commission on Disabilities members considered the minutes from the December 4, 2024 meeting. Brienne Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes. Christopher Gaudet 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.

No updates

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

No updates

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

No updates

4. Annual Report

Report is almost complete.

5. COD Facebook Page

Bridget Batcheller is working on it. Anyone who has pictures to share can share them with her. We are figuring out how to configure the page so that comment sharing is not an option.

6. Door to Platform lift exceeds five pound maximum pull located at Town Hall

Associate Elevators representative was contacted by Christopher Gaudet. They reported that the next time the Associate Elevators team is out to do maintenance or a check on the equipment, they will check the maximum pull.

Agenda Item No: V
Agenda Items

1. \$50,000 earmark request to refinish the basketball court surface and create accessible access points at the Donaghue School.

The request for the earmark was shared with State Senator Barry Finegold, State Representative Dawne Shand, and Merrimac Select Board Chairman Christopher Manni.

2. Merrimac Light question regarding ADA website review

See attached email. Merrimac Light Department emailed IHCD to determine whether or not they have to rebuild their entire website to meet ADA requirements. In order to be compliant, the website team at sparkcreative works offered to create a single page demo to show the impact of the changes.

Agenda Item No: VI
Open Discussion

N/A

Agenda Item No: VII

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

COD December 2024 Meeting Minutes

COD meeting agenda December 2024

Emails between Christopher Gaudet, Mary Usovitz, and Jack Bacigalupo

Letter of Support for Earmark from Principal Stephanie Dembro.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature: