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## Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

# TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: March 4, 2026 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  
Wayne Adams, Selectperson  
Brienne Walsh, Member  
Robert Hart, Vice Chairman  
Robert Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer (Remote)  
Bridget Batcheller, Member (Remote)  
Courtney L'Abbe, Member

### 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 March 4, 2026 meeting. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

### Agenda Item No: III

#### **Approve Minutes from February 4, 2026 Meeting**

Commission on Disabilities members considered the minutes from the February 4, 2026 meeting. Robert Sinibaldi 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. Institute for Human Design ADA website review

No update

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

Signature pages were signed by the Pentucket Regional school representatives and returned to the state. There may be a problem if the project has to be done June 30, 2026. The funds have not come through yet. Alyssa will let the COD know when the funds are received.

#### 3. Annual Report due March 4, 2026

Brienne Walsh completed the annual report. Robert Hart made a motion to accept the submission of the annual report and Brienne Walsh seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

## Agenda Item No: V

### Agenda Items

#### 1. ADA Basics training YouTube Video from Massachusetts Office on Disability and Resources

COD members are invited to view the training when they get a chance. The video is a good refresher.

#### 2. Light Department Response

An email was shared with COD from the Light Department. Plans are not finalized yet and the Light Department is aware of concerns with accessibility, especially the sidewalks. The Mill Street project is on hold because funds were withdrawn from the federal government.

#### 3. East Main Street Sidewalks

Sidewalks were brought up at the recent selectman's meeting and concerns were shared by residents that the sidewalks have not had snow removed. Property owners should remove snow but it is ultimately the town's responsibility to remove snow from sidewalks. Christopher Gaudet brought up ways for the town to

encourage people to remove snow from the sidewalks to assist the DPW. Sidewalk bylaw is enforceable by the police department. They are also in charge of ticketing and were going to do some informational meetings for citizens. Robert Sinibaldi suggested looking into the issue again in the spring. Ideally, since the town owns the sidewalks they are responsible for snow removal. MassDOT may need to be involved with snow removal and maintenance of the sidewalks and roads on route 110. Bob Sinibaldi has been advocating for the resurfacing of East Main Street and this would include sidewalks. Bob Sinibaldi suggested finding out what the paving plan and time line are for next year. He will look into this for the next meeting.

#### 4. Council on Aging Question regarding resources for a resident

A resident of Merrimac is concerned because the floor of the mobile home will not hold the weight of the new wheel chair. Because this is a private residence, the homeowner is responsible for modifying the floor.

#### Agenda Item No: VI Adjourn

Next Meeting: April 1, 2026 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.  
Brienne Walsh seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

COD February 2026 Meeting Minutes  
COD meeting agenda March 2026  
Light Department Email  
MOD training information regarding ADA  
2025 Annual Report

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:  
Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature: