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## Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

# TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: April 1, 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 (Remote)  
Wayne Adams, Selectperson  
Brienne Walsh, Member  
Robert Hart, Vice Chairman  
Robert Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer (Remote)  
Bridget Batcheller, Member (Remote)

### Absent:

Courtney L'Abbe, Member  
Brienne Walsh, Member

### Agenda Item No: I Call to Order

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

### Agenda Item No: II Approve Agenda

Bob Sinibaldi made a motion to accept the agenda for the April 1, 2026 meeting. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

**Agenda Item No: III**  
**Approve Minutes from March, 2026 Meeting**

Commission on Disabilities members will consider the minutes from the March, 2026 meeting next month at the May meeting because they were just completed today.

**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**

**PRSD representative Jonathan Seymour wants to use a different contractor so Robert Sinibaldi will consult with the district to determine who will complete the project so it can get started.**

**3. East Main Street Sidewalks**

Light Department poles will be discussed next Tuesday with the Light Department and the Select Board. Bob has a meeting with DOT and will inquire about the recently painted hash marks on East Main Street to see if they are replacing the sidewalks. The state is in the process of installing curb cuts and rapid flashing beacons in some areas in town. Wayne Adams will talk to the light department regarding the poles that need to be replaced or moved because they are in the middle of the sidewalks and impede access.

**4. \$30,000 MOD Grant for Curb Cuts**

Additional curb cuts will begin to be installed soon since the weather is improving. Some annunciation strips have been damaged over the winter. Robert Sinibaldi will look into alternatives that are cheaper to replace when they get damaged. The pads cost \$16,000 to replace. Stamped concrete may be an option. Robert Sinibaldi and Christopher Gaudet will reach out to MOD for guidance.

Agenda Item No: V  
Agenda Items

1. Open Space Recreation Plan

The Open Space Commission meets this week at the Library to create an Open Space Trails Plan that includes accessible trails. COD members are invited to attend the meeting and provide input.

2. COD Members for next fiscal year

Members for next year will remain the same. Seven members and one alternate. Christopher Gaudet made a motion to continue COD membership with seven members and one alternate. Robert Sinibaldi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other:

The Merrimac Light Commission shared that they do not want the building plans to be held up by COD. Wayne Adams will go visit tomorrow to ensure the plans are forwarded to Robert Sinibaldi as soon as possible.

COD will reach out to the Old Home Days Committee to see if they need support with handicapped parking this summer.

Agenda Item No: VII

Adjourn

Next Meeting: May 6, 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. Christopher Gaudet seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

COD March 2026 Meeting Minutes

COD meeting agenda April 2026

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature: