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Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: September 1, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Merrimac Public Library, 86 West Main Street, Merrimac, MA

Members Present:

Christopher Gaudet, Chairman
Robert Hart, Vice Chairman
John Joseph Murphy, Treasurer
Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary
Ann Marie Murphy, Member
Charlotte Eileen Stepanian, Member
Margaret Sullivan, Member

Members not Present:

Bob Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer
Anne Brown, Alternate
Brienne Walsh, Member

Agenda Item No: 1

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No: 2

Approve Agenda

Robert Hart made a motion to accept the agenda for the September 1, 2021 meeting. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item No: 3

Approve Minutes from August 4, 2021 Meeting

Commission on Disabilities members considered the minutes. Robert Hart made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 4, 2021 meeting. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The minutes from the August 4, 2021 meeting are accepted.

Agenda Item No: 4

Strategic Planning Committee

COD members discussed the creation of the Strategic Planning Commission in Merrimac. Christopher Gaudet is a member of the Strategic Planning Commission and will be able to keep the COD informed of activities as needed. COD participation in town projects will help ensure ADA compliance. Members wonder how the COD can keep apprised of what other town committees are doing. Members will think about ways to get more COD involvement.

Agenda Item No: 5

Commission on Disabilities Participation on Projects

See above.

Agenda Item No: 6

Shared Streets Grant Update

Due to COVID, the contractor is running late on installing flashing crosswalk lights at the Sweetsir School. Painting is also needed at Abbott Street. Neighborways Design has been in contact with the COD and Sweetsir School staff regarding the mural for Jervey Loop. Neighborways will create layout and design for installation in October. Because of the town's prudent use of funds, there is money for sidewalk replacement on Church Street from downtown to Abbott Street. The cost for new sidewalks to be replaced is \$55,900. The COD members were informed that Cormier Construction will be asked to repair the sidewalk in front of the new buildings on Church Street.

Kathleen Sullivan made a motion to use all surplus money from the Shared Streets Grant to install sidewalks on Church Street. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

Agenda Item No: 7

ADA Self-Evaluation/Transition Plan Update

ADA Self-Evaluation Plan is almost complete. Sidewalks are currently being evaluated. Draft report will be shared with COD when completed.

Agenda Item No: 8

Massachusetts Architectural Access Board Advisory Opinion on New Police Station Update

The case is still ongoing. At a meeting last Monday the architect refused to accept the MAAB ruling. Another meeting will be scheduled.

Agenda Item No: 9

DPW/COD Letter to Church Street Residents Regarding New Sidewalks

Christopher Gaudet will reach out to the DPW regarding the letter to residents.

Discussion

Eileen Stepanian will write about the COD in the Senior Center newsletter in order to raise awareness.

Agenda Item No: 10

Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 6, 2021 at 7:00 at the Merrimac Public Library

Eileen Stepanian made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Anne Murphy seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature: