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Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: July 1, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Remote Meeting via global.gotomeeting.com

Members Present:

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

Members not Present:

Anne Brown, Member
Bob Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer

Agenda Item No: 1

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Robert Hart made a motion to accept the agenda for the July 1, 2020 meeting. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item No: 2

Approve Minutes June 3, 2020 Meeting

Commission on Disabilities members considered the minutes. Margaret Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes. Ann Murphy seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The minutes from the June 3, 2020 meeting are accepted.

Agenda Item No: 3

Reorganization of The Commission on Disabilities

The Commission on Disabilities members discussed the organization of the members. Jeffrey MacLeod made a motion to maintain Christopher Gaudet as Chairman. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. Christopher Gaudet will remain in the position of Chairman.

Kathleen Sullivan made a motion to maintain Robert Hart as Vice Chairman. Ann Murphy seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. Robert Hart will remain in the position of Vice Chairman.

Margaret Sullivan made a motion to maintain Kathleen Sullivan as Secretary. Jeffrey MacLeod seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. Kathleen Sullivan will remain in the position of Secretary.

Ann Murphy made a motion to maintain John Murphy as Treasurer. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. John Murphy will remain in the position of Treasurer.

Agenda Item No: 4

Courtney Breen –Mass Support Disaster and Response Counseling

Merrimac resident Courtney Breen shared information regarding the Massachusetts Support Disaster and Response Team. The team works in conjunction with Riverside Trauma Center and provides resources for residents who are impacted by COVID-19. The team is part of the disaster response from FEMA and can provide parenting financial, food, and medical information to people need. The Massachusetts Support number is 888-215-4920. The Commission on Disabilities will add a link to the team on the website. Information will also be shared with Our Neighbors' Table and the Merrimac Senior Center.

Agenda Item No: 5

39K ADA Transition Plan Grant

After gaining approval at our last meeting, Christopher Gaudet applied for the \$39,000 ADA Transition Plan Grant. The Merrimac Board of Selectmen signed off on the grant application and Merrimac received the grant. The money will be used for the town-wide transition plan for ADA compliance in Merrimac. Robert Sinibaldi referred to the process in an email but was not present at the meeting to explain his point of view. (See email) The Transition Plan is a town wide plan and Department Heads should be involved in the plan. People involved in the process should include representatives from Pentucket School System, Merrimac Senior Center, Merrimac Planning Board, Merrimac Public Library, etc.

the Commission on Disabilities to apply for two grants for curb cuts to be installed on Church Street (from the center of town to Sweetsir School) and on Locust Street (from the center of town to the Donaghue School). Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

Agenda Item No: 7

CODA Conference Call Update- Anne Brown
Discussion (see attached notes), No action needed.

Agenda Item No: 8

Handicapped Parking Fine Update

The proposal for the new fines for parking illegally in a Handicapped Parking Space are in the process of being approved by the legal team. Once approved, they proposal will be presented to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Agenda Item No: 9

Accept \$750.00 Donation from Casella Waste Management

Brian Casella from Casella Waste Management would like to donate \$750.00 to the Commission on Disabilities. If the Commission on Disabilities accepts the donation, the Board of Selectmen will approve the acceptance and open an account for the Commission on Disabilities. Robert Hart made a motion to accept the \$750.00 donation. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

Old Business:

When awarding the \$20,000 grant for Power Door Openers, the state overpaid by \$241.31 because the Power Door Openers cost \$19,758.68. The money will be returned to the state. John Joseph Murphy made a motion to reimburse the money. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

Open Discussion

Timothy Boyd, candidate for Selectman will be invited to the next meeting.

Ann Marie Murphy shared the previous van from the Senior Center will be used as a backup since the new van has been procured. Whittier students may assist in repairing the body work.

Agenda Item No: 10

Adjourn

Next Meeting: September 3, 2020 at 6:30 REMOTELY.

Margaret Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie Murphy seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

Notes from CODA Conference Call
RFPs and E-mails regarding ADA Transition Plan

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature: