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Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes
TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: August 5, 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
Robert Hart, Vice Chairman
Bridget Batcheller, Member (Remote)
Courtney L'Abbe, Member (Remote)
Robert Sinibaldi, Member/ADA Compliance Officer
Brienne Walsh, Member (Remote)

Also Present:

Wayne Adams, Select Board Member/COD Alternate Member

Agenda Item No: I

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

Agenda Item No: II

Approve Agenda
Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to accept the agenda for the August 5, 2026 meeting. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item No: III

Approve Minutes from June 2026 Meetings
Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to accept the June 2026 minutes. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Agenda Item No: IV

Old Business

1. Institute for Human Design ADA website review
Updates to the town website have all been completed as recommended.

2. $50,000.00 earmark request to refinish the basketball court surface and create accessible access points at the Donaghue School
No updates

3. $30,000 MOD Grant for Curb Cuts
The curb cuts have all been completed. Robert Hart made a motion to pay the invoice for the work completed by Steve Merritt. Robert Sinibaldi seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the motion and it was accepted.

4. Playground Grant
No updates.

5. Parks and Recreation Committee
Christopher Gaudet attended the recent Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. At the meeting the committee was updated about the poor condition of the playground at the Sweetsir School COD will keep the committee updated as plans for the noe playground at Sweetsir progress.

Agenda Item No: V

Agenda Items

1. COD Reorganization
Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to maintain the current organization of the Merrimac COD. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

2. Wayne Adams as Alternate Member
Recently the Merrimac Selectboard approved Wayne Adams as an alternate for the COD. Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to accept Wayne Adams as an alternate member of the COD. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

3. Olde Home Days
The COD will host a table at Merrimac's Olde Home Days to solicit support for the playground, encourage voting through Electrify Merrimac, and raise awareness regarding COD.

4. Steve Merritt Invoice for Curb Cuts
As mentioned above, the curb cuts have all been completed. Robert Hart made a motion to pay the invoice for the work completed by Steve Merritt. Robert Sinibaldi seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the motion.

5. Invoice for COD email $87.40
Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to pay the invoice for the COD email. Brienne Walsh seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

6. Shea Concrete $250.00 Donation towards Sweetsir School New Playground
Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to accept the donation. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

7. TruNorth Bank $1000.00 Donation towards Sweetsir School New Playground
Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to accept the donation. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

8. Needham Bank $1000.00 Donation towards Sweetsir School New Playground
Robert Sinibaldi made a motion to accept the donation. Brienne Walsh seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

9. Eastern Bank $1,000.00 Donation towards Sweetsir School New Playground
Brienne Walsh made a motion to accept the donation. Robert Sinibaldi seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion.

10. Haverhill Bank $10,000 Donation towards Sweetsir School New Playground
Robert Hart made a motion to accept the donation. Brienne seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. On August 11, 2026 at 9:00

COD members are invited to accept the check from the bank at the Merrimac Police Station.

Agenda Item No: VI

Open Discussion

Brienne Walsh will forward information to Chritopher Gaudet and Krista Niles and the Merrimac PTO regarding the possible application for a Cummings Grant to help fund the new Merrimac playground.

Agenda Item No: VII

Adjourn

Next Meeting: September 2, 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. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:

COD June 2026 Meeting Minutes
COD meeting agenda August 2026
IHCD Town of Merrimac Website Follow-up Review June 2026
Emails regarding Website

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:
Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature: