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Merrimac Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Meeting Date: February 5, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Merrimac Public Library, 86 West Main Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

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:

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

Agenda Item No: 1

Call to Order

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

John Murphy made a motion to accept the agenda for the February 5, 2020 meeting. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Agenda Item No: 2

Approve Minutes December 4, 2019 Meeting

Commission on Disabilities members considered the minutes. Robert Hart made a motion to accept the minutes. Margaret Sullivan seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion. The minutes from the December 4, 2019 meeting are accepted.

Agenda Item No: 3

CODA Conference Call Update- Anne Brown

No action needed, notes to be considered next month because Anne Brown was absent.

Agenda Item No: 4

20K Grant for Power Door Openers

Seven power door openers will be installed at Merrimac Town Hall because State Representative Lenny Mirra secured a \$20,000 grant for the town for the power door openers.

Agenda Item No: 5

Parking Bylaws

Currently there are no existing Parking Bylaws in Merrimac. At the Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 Town Meeting, Parking Bylaws will be presented for approval. Until Bylaws are written and approved, fines for Handicapped Parking violations cannot be enforced.

Agenda Item No: 6

Carpet Hazard on Second Floor of Senior Center

Ann Marie Murphy reported that the hazardous carpet situation at the Senior Center has been remediated. The new carpet is in place.

Agenda Item No: 7

Sidewalk Snow Complaint Freedom Way and Veterans Way

There was a complaint regarding the unplowed sidewalks at Freedom and Veterans' Way along Route 110. The Gemini Company should be in charge of snow removal on their property. When the owners investigated, they discovered that Merrimac has no Snow Removal Bylaws so it is not clear who has to remove sidewalk snow and ice.

Agenda Item No: 8

Proposed DPW Snow Removal By-Laws

Because there are no Snow Removal Bylaws, Robert Sinibaldi asked the Merrimac Commission on Disabilities to consider a draft of proposed Snow Removal Bylaws.

Because Mr. Sinibaldi was not at the meeting, the Commission tabled the discussion until the next meeting when Mr. Sinibaldi is present.

Old Business:

The Merrimac Commission on Disability will have a new e-mail in May 2020.

Open Discussion

Commission members shared concern with the safety of the steps at Merrimac Town Hall. The steps are tan colored with no edge markings and tend to blend together. The steps are also varying widths. The Commission agreed that the town needs to put contrasting color strips of some sort on the edges of the treads of the steps. In December, a citizen of Merrimac fell and was hurt. Christopher Gaudet will discuss further action with Robert Sinibaldi.

Christopher Gaudet shared that he spoke with Tom Barry from the Highway Department to share concerns regarding piled up ice and snow in handicapped spaces. Tom agreed to plow handicapped parking spaces more carefully in town. If there are issues, Tom will remediate them by talking to the snowplow drivers.

Agenda Item No: 9

Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 4, 2020 at 6:30 at the Meeting Room at the Merrimac Public Library, 86 West Main Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.

Kathleen Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Hart seconded the motion. Members unanimously accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at Meeting:
Proposed DPW Snow Removal Bylaws

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Chairman Signature:

Vice Chairman Signature:

Secretary Signature: