



HUDSON COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Town Hall
Hudson, Massachusetts 01749

Minutes of Meeting – October 23, 2019

The Hudson Commission on Disabilities met at the Town Hall, 78 Main Street, Hudson, Massachusetts.

At 10:00AM, Jack Hunter called the meeting to order.

Present: Frank Noyes, Sharon Tango, Andrea Erickson, Robert Butts, Ron Sorgman, Kristina Johnson Assistant Director and Jack Hunter, Director.

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Hunter welcomed everyone to the initial meeting of the Commission on Disabilities in Hudson. He reviewed the activities he has been working on since his tenure in Hudson in 2015 and was delighted to be here.

Each member, including Ms. Johnson told their story and why they wanted to serve on the Commission.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Hunter asked for nominations for Chair. Ms. Erickson was the only candidate nominated.

Mr. Butts, seconded by Ms. Tango made a motion to appoint Ms. Erickson as Chair.

Vote: 5-0-0 to approve

Ms. Erickson asked for nominations for Vice Chair of COD. Mr. Noyes was the only candidate nominated.

Mr. Butts, seconded by Mr. Sorgman made a motion to appoint Mr. Noyes as Vice Chair.

Vote: 5-0-0 to approve

Review of MGL 40 Sec 8J; draft mission statement; grievance policy; transition plan and survey and self-evaluation

Ms. Erickson asked Mr. Hunter to review these documents. Mr. Hunter went through MGL 40S 8J and read its contents. He then explained how he had previously drafted a Mission Statement and was now looking for endorsement by the COD. Mr. Noyes volunteered to take a look at the draft and come back with his comments. Mr. Hunter next handed out the Town's existing grievance policy which outlines a step by step process for anyone who wished to file a grievance. Lastly, Mr. Hunter reviewed a completed Survey and Inventory of every Town



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owned property and building including a transition plan. He noted that he has applied to the State for funding to complete all the listed improvements in the plan.

Other Business

The COD went through general discussion regarding public permitting and the COD's role in private buddings. Members deliberated over ADA certification; public outreach, access monitoring, training and other items and roles they could play. Lastly, they discussed having guests speakers at future meetings such as State officials; BID representative; Police and DPW.

Meeting schedule

After some discussion it was decided to have COD meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10AM.

Adjournment

Mr. Butts, seconded by Mr. Sorgman moved to adjourn at 11:50AM.

Vote: 5-0-0, Unanimous

Cc: Town Clerk