



HUDSON COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Town Hall
Hudson, Massachusetts 01749

Minutes of Meeting – January 14, 2020

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

At 10:10AM, Andrea Erikson, Chair called the meeting to order.

Present: Andrea Erikson, Chair Frank Noyes, Vice Chair, Robert Butts, Kristina Johnson Assistant Director and Jack Hunter, Director.

Guests: Eric Ryder, Director of Public Works

Welcome and Introductions

Andrea welcomed everyone to the meeting, and turned over the floor to the guest speaker, Eric Ryder.

Guest Speaker

Eric Ryder provided an overview of his professional credentials and an overview of the Department of Public Works. He underscored the Department's commitment to ensuring accessibility on all roadway and sidewalk improvement projects. He discussed the proposed capital warrant article for spring Town Meeting to complete stand-alone sidewalk reconstruction projects, separate from Chapter 90 projects.

Members of the Board asked Mr. Ryder questions about the Department's infrastructure project prioritization process, and how best to notify the Public Works Department of sidewalk hazards or other accessibility impediments.

Riverwalk/Rotary Projects

Robert Butts provided an update on the Riverwalk project. Ms. Johnson discussed the next few milestones for the Rotary project. She noted that the project will be put out to bid for construction by the end of January, with construction commencing in early Spring. Ms. Johnson underscored the Town's commitment to maintaining pedestrian accessibility and handicap accessibility to the greatest extent feasible throughout the duration of the project. She stated that some handicap spaces may have to be relocated during construction.

Ms. Johnson also discussed how the construction activities will be managed on a day-to-day and weekly basis, and encouraged members of the Commission to reach out during the project if they identify any accessibility issues of concern.



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Future Invitees

The group discussed who they would like to invite to the next Commission meeting, and all agreed to extend an invitation to Tom Moses, the Town Administrator. Ms. Johnson stated that she would reach out to confirm Mr. Moses attendance.

MOD Grant Update

Mr. Hunter provided a status update on the MOD grant to help fund accessibility improvements at public facilities and informed the Commission that the Town of Hudson did not receive the grant. Mr. Hunter stated that the MOD grant program is highly competitive and that the agency received more applications than what could be funded.

Other Business

Ms. Erickson inquired about having the Mission Statement and other pertinent information on the Commission's page on the Town website, and having the page more easily accessible from the main website menu. Ms. Johnson indicated that she would work the Information Technology Department to get updating privileges on the page and upload the requested documents.

Minutes

**Anrea Erickson moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting.
Seconded by Sharon Tango 4-0-0. Unanimous**

Adjournment

Andrea Erickson seconded by Sharon Tango moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 AM. 4-0-0. Unanimous.

Cc: Town Clerk