



Town of Hudson

Commission on Disabilities

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Minutes of Meeting – September 21, 2021

Pursuant to the Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, this meeting of the Hudson Commission on Disabilities was conducted via remote participation.

At 10:10 AM, Mr. Noyes, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

Commission Members Participating: Andrea Erickson, Chair (late)
Frank Noyes, Vice Chair
Robert Butts
Ronald Sorgman

Staff Members Participating: Kristina Johnson, AICP, Director
Amanda Molina Dumas, Assistant Planner

Guests: Thomas Gregory, Executive Assistant

Welcome from the Chair

Mr. Noyes welcomed everyone to the meeting, before turning the meeting over to the guest speaker, Thomas Gregory.

Introduction and remarks from Town Administrator

Mr. Gregory provided an overview of his professional credentials and his role as Hudson's Executive Assistant. He provided background on preparations for the upcoming special Town Meeting. He also provided an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), noting that the Town has been allocated over 5 million dollars in relief funds and staff is working to identify eligible uses for spending.

Planning Department project updates and Town Meeting updates

Ms. Molina Dumas introduced herself as the new Assistant Planner and reviewed her professional qualifications. Ms. Johnson provided a Town Meeting update, noting that the Planning Department has several articles on the warrant, including a comprehensive zoning update. Ms. Johnson explained that the zoning update will make Hudson's by-laws more accessible for the public, and also make enforcement easier for the Building Commissioner.

Ms. Johnson provided an overview of Planning Department projects, including the redevelopment of the old Hudson police station at 62 Packard Street. Metro West Collaborative Design, Inc. are the developers for the project, which will seek a Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals in November. The Comprehensive Permit allows zoning to be circumvented if affordable housing stock is being created.

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Molina Dumas discussed a possible collaboration between the Commission on Disabilities and the Parks and Recreation Division to assist with ADA compliance at public facilities, which is presently lacking. While there are no formal plans yet,



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the Planning Department will work to coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Director, Steven Santos regarding this.

The Commission also discussed their meeting schedule and availabilities, ultimately deciding to schedule the next meeting via email.

Potential AAB violations/Concerns

Mr. Noyes noted at the last meeting they discussed two violations that involved accessible parking signage, but no new violations to discuss.

Discussion of appointment for member vacancy

The Commission discussed the recent resignation of Sharon Tango, and the need to find a new member. Mr. Noyes noted that the vacancy is for the immediate family member of a person with disabilities, and asked the Commission members if they knew anyone who may be interested. Ms. Johnson suggested that the Planning Department create a flyer for posting on the Town's website and department Facebook page, and share with other Town boards and the Senior Center.

Adjournment

Andrea Erickson seconded by Robert Butts moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM. 4-0-0. Unanimous.

Cc: Town Clerk