

Town of Hudson Commission on Disabilities

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Minutes of Meeting – January 18, 2022

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 <u>Hudson Commission on Disabilities</u> was conducted via remote participation.

At 9:40 AM, Ms. Andrea Erickson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Commission Members Participating:	Andrea Erickson, Chair Frank Noyes, Vice Chair Sheryl Marrazzo George Luoto
Commission Members Absent:	Ron Sorgman
Staff Members Participating:	Amanda Molina Dumas, Assistant Planner

Welcome from the Chair

Ms. Andrea Erickson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Planning Department project updates

The creation of the Hudson Bike and Pedestrian Committee is underway, with Frank Noyes serving as a representative from the Commission on Disabilities, and will be appointed to the committee at an upcoming Select Board meeting. Ms. Molina Dumas also noted that the Planning Department will be undertaking an update to the Hudson Open Space and Recreation Plan, last updated in 2016, and that the Commission on Disabilities will be important to include in the process, particularly when reviewing ADA access requirements.

Discussion of topics for future agendas and guest speakers

Ms. Molina Dumas stated that she would research Commission on Disabilities in other communities to see what activities their Commissions are involved with. The Commission discussed ideas for future agendas, including talking with small business with a focus on health. The Commission discussed potential guest speakers, including the Director of Recreation, Steven Santos, and Community Preservation Commission member, Linda Ghiloni. The Commission discussed different Town initiatives that they may wish to get involved with, like the forthcoming downtown parking analysis, and making the River Walk as accessible as possible. The Commission also discussed exploring state recommendations for Commissions via the Massachusetts Office of Disability website.

Approval of 5/11/2021, 9/21/2021 and 12/14/2021 meeting minutes

Andrea Erickson seconded by Frank Noyes moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2021 and December 14, 2021. 2-0-2 (2 new members abstained from vote).

The meeting minutes from May 11, 2021 were held to the next regularly scheduled meeting.



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Adjournment

Andrea Erickson seconded by Frank Noyes moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM. 4-0-0. Unanimous.

Cc: Town Clerk