



Town of Hudson

Commission on Disabilities

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Minutes of Meeting – March 15, 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 Hudson Commission on Disabilities was conducted via remote participation.

At 9:30 AM, Andrea Erickson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Commission Members Participating: Andrea Erickson, Chair
Frank Noyes, Vice Chair
George Luoto

Commission Members Absent: Ron Sorgman
Sheryl Marrazzo

Staff Members Participating: Amanda Molina Dumas, Assistant Planner

Welcome from the Chair

Ms. Andrea Erickson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Guest Speaker Jeffrey Dougan, Assistant Director for Community Services, Massachusetts Office on Disability

Mr. Jeffrey Dougan was present for the virtual meeting and shared resources from the Massachusetts Office on Disability. Topics discussed included access monitor training, the ADA Improvement grant program, and different ideas for how the Commission could operate in Town. Mr. Dougan suggested that the Commission could be a technical resource for other Town Boards and Commissions. Mr. Dougan noted that the Massachusetts Office on Disability is a technical assistance agency that can provide training and referrals to other independent living organizations. Mr. Dougan also mentioned Section 22G of the Massachusetts General Laws, which states that funds collected from fines/violations of accessible parking should be kept in a separate account for use solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities. Examples of purchases could include assistive technology for the library and schools, beach wheelchairs, or ramps for inaccessible structures. Ms. Molina Dumas said she would ask the Executive Assistant about this. The Commission also discussed if the Town of Hudson has an ADA coordinator and who that may be, as municipalities with more than 50 employees are required to have at least one employee responsible for ADA compliance.

Planning Department project updates

Ms. Molina Dumas provided a summary of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the potential projects that funds will be used for.

Hudson Bike and Pedestrian Committee update

Mr. Noyes stated that the Committee has met twice so far and is assessing how friendly Hudson is for bikes and pedestrians. They are also working to identify connections with other trails and



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how to connect Downtown with other parts of the Town. Ms. Erickson asked about accessible access at the Public Library and Mr. Noyes explained how to access the building.

Approval of 5/11/2021 and 2/8/2022 meeting minutes

Andrea Erickson seconded by George Luoto moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2022. 3-0-0.

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

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Andrea Erickson seconded by George Luoto moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 AM. 3-0-0. Unanimous.

Cc: Town Clerk