



Town of Hudson

Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Hudson Commission on Disabilities was conducted via remote participation.

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by Chair Andrea Erickson

Roll Call: Andrea Erickson (Chair), Frank Noyes (Vice Chair), George Luoto, Sheryl Marrazzo, Ron Sorgman

Staff: Pam Helinek

ADA Transition Plan Implementation

Sheryl Marrazzo reported that she and Pam Helinek met with Recreation Director Steven Santos and reviewed the recreation items on the Transition Plan. She is planning to visit the locations on the Plan and determine which items are still outstanding. Pam Helinek added that Steven Santos had mentioned several items that are not included in the Transition Plan. She also said that the Town is hiring a consultant to help update the Open Space and Recreation Plan, which includes an ADA-compliance agenda, so the recreation facilities will be reviewed this year as part of this process.

Frank Noyes reported that he met with Scott Kurposka, the School Facilities Director, and that Scott will be reviewing the school items in the Plan to determine which are still outstanding. In addition to the items in the Plan, Frank Noyes reported that Farley School has no handicap parking signs, and that some of the signs at the High School are gone, apparently stolen.

Sheryl Marrazzo suggested that "No Parking Access Aisle" signs be considered for the cross-hatched areas next to handicap van parking spots. that are used for loading or unloading. Frank Noyes suggested addressing this with MOD as a larger, statewide issue.

Frank Noyes suggested applying for a Municipal ADA Improvement Grant to address outstanding items at the public schools and said that the schools have a grant writer who could assist with the application.

Hudson Bike and Pedestrian Committee update

Frank Noyes reported that the Committee is planning a forum to collect community input and that they are focusing on sidewalks in the Downtown, sidewalks connecting other points of interest and near some of the schools, and development of the Mass Central Rail Trail.



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Community Concerns

The Committee reviewed the Grievance Tracker. Frank Noyes has added two items, the hostess station at the Rail Trail restaurant and a missing sign for the van accessible parking spot on South Street. He reported that a sign has been added. Sheryl Marrazzo reported that a sign blocks access to the handicap spot in front of the library. Andrea Erickson reported that there is no reasonable handicap access to the library, since the slope is too steep. Pam Helinek added these items to the Grievance Tracker and suggested that a project to improve library access might be a good choice for a Municipal ADA Improvement Grant but they would need a plan and a budget. George Luoto said that he would discuss this with Tom Desmond, the President of the Library Board of Directors. Pam Helinek said she would contact Aileen Sanchez-Himes the Library Director, and will invite Tom Desmond and Aileen Sanchez-Himes attend the next COD meeting.

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Andrea Erickson reported that she had email communications with Jeff Dougan from MOD but that she did not currently have access to the email. She requested that the discussion be continued to the next meeting and agreed to forward the email to Commission members in advance.

Minutes – Frank Noyes moved to approve the minutes from September 13, 2022. Second by George Luoto, vote 4-0-0

Adjournment – Andrea Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting, vote 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.