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Minutes

Town of Belmont

Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Room

Friday, August 24, 2018

8:00am

APPROVED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 4/1/2019

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chair Adam Dash. Vice Chair Mark Paolillo and Selectmen Tom Caputo were present. Town Administrator Patrice Garvin was present. The purpose of the meeting was to make committee appointments.

ACTION BY CONSENT:

Committee Appointments Discussion and Vote

Historic District Commission (HDC): There were three upcoming vacancies, one of which (Sue Pew) had requested reappointment, and five new applicants in total. The Chair of the HDC had recommended that alternate member Michael Chesson be promoted to full membership. A. Dash was recommending appointment of applicant Tracy Marquis for her experience as preservation planner, and Carl Solander who was an architect. Lauren Meier (Co-Chair, Historic District Commission) joined the meeting and expressed her support for these appointments.

Motion: To reappoint Elizabeth 'Sue' Pew to a three year term on the Historic District Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Motion: To appoint Michael Chesson as full member to a three year term on the Historic District Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Motion: To appoint Tracy Marquis as full member to a three year term on the Historic District Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Motion: To appoint Carl Solander to alternate membership on the Historic District Commission, to fill the position vacated by Michael Chesson expiring in 2019. (Vote passed 3-0)

Belmont Business Study Committee: The Committee had specific criteria for membership slots. Outstanding were the slots assigned to a Waverly Square business owner, and a business owner who was also a resident. There were two applicants that met these criteria.

Motion: To appoint Artur Nergaryan and Kathleen Crowley to the Belmont Business Study Committee. (Vote passed 3-0).

Community Preservation Committee: Previously the Board had reappointed Andy Rojas, but an appointment was still needed to fill the slot vacated by Anne Marie Mahoney. M. Paolillo suggested having someone from the Capital Budget Committee; P. Garvin said she had reached out but no one had

volunteered to serve. A. Dash suggested to ask Chair Epstein from the Warrant Committee if he would ask Warrant Committee members.

Conservation Commission: There were two upcoming vacancies, one of which (Chris Morris) had requested reappointment, and two applicants. A. Dash was recommending Subash Malik, who was an engineer who had worked on large projects. T. Caputo expressed a similar recommendation.

Motion: To reappoint Christopher Morris to the Conservation Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Motion: To appoint Subash Malik to the Conservation Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Council on Aging: There were three upcoming vacancies, all of which had requested reappointment.

Motion: To reappoint Michael Cahalane, Chao-Qiang Lai, and Judy Singler to the Council on Aging. (Vote passed 3-0)

Cultural Council: The number of members could range from 5 to 22; historically the Council had 10. Five of the upcoming vacancies had requested reappointment: Annette Goodro, Juliet Jenkins, Nancy Linde, Rebecca Richard, and Arlyn Roffman. The Board was supportive of the following new appointments: Nien Liu, Shonool Malik, Marsha Semuels, and Grace Peng.

Motion: To appoint the above named to the Belmont Cultural Council. (Vote passed 3-0)

Disability Access Commission: A. Dash noted there was still an opening for the alternate position, and invited residents to apply.

Education Scholarship Commission: There were two upcoming vacancies, one of which (Mary McCormick) had requested reappointment, and two new applicants. Both applicants were well qualified, however Xin Yu had experience working at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which was particularly relevant to the Commission.

Motion: To reappoint Mary McCormick to the Education Scholarship Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Motion: To appoint Xin Yu to the Education Scholarship Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Energy Committee: There was one vacancy to be filled. Chair Roger Colton had recommended Yvonne McFarlane Brown; A. Dash had identified her as being his top choice as well.

Motion: To appoint Yvonne McFarlane Brown to the Energy Committee. (Vote passed 3-0)

Housing Trust: There was one vacancy to be filled, but no applicants at this time.

Human Rights Commission: There were many applicants for the Commission, and six vacancies. One upcoming vacancy was the Chair, Carl Brauer, who was requesting reappointment.

Motion: To reappoint Carl Brauer to the Human Rights Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

The Chair had also recommend the reappointment of Bhim Oli and Dovie King due to their work on the Commission.

Motion: To reappoint Bhim Oli and Dovie King to the Human Rights Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Two exceptional high school student applicants, both juniors, were identified: Edward Lee and Matt O'Connell-Vale. The Board was enthusiastic to support the involvement of high school students on the Commission.

Motion: To appoint Edward Lee and Matt O'Connell-Vale to the Human Rights Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Finally, A. Dash recommended applicant Nancy Linde, as someone who would be an elderly advocate.

Motion: To appoint Nancy Linde to the Human Rights Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Permanent Building Advisory Committee: Steve Sala's term was up and he had not yet made a request to be reappointed. However, A. Dash thought this was an oversight and proposed to reappoint Steve Sala; if he no longer wanted to be on the Committee he could resign. T. Caputo supported this proposal on the condition that someone follow up with Steve Sala to confirm he still wanted to serve on the Committee.

Motion: To reappoint Steve Sala to the Permanent Building Advisory Committee. (Vote passed 3-0)

Planning Board: There were three openings, one of which was an alternate position. The Board was largely supportive to reappoint Karl Haglund and Edmund Starzec. However, Chair Charles Clark had not yet provided input on potential appointments. Further, the plan was to interview three of the applicants for the alternate spot at an upcoming meeting, at which Charles Clark would be present. It was decided to put off the reappointments to the future meeting.

Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC): Upon further discussion, one of the applicants to both TAC and the Planning Board, Raymond Ausrotas, was recommended by A. Dash to serve on TAC as a way to bring in new voices. Also, Sue Pew, who was currently serving on TAC, was just appointed to the Historic District Commission, and serving on both committees would be a lot of work. Therefore, Raymond Ausrotas could replace Sue Pew on TAC, and this meant that only two interviews would be conducted for the Planning Board. A. Dash also recommend the reappointment of Peter Curro and Dana Miller to TAC.

Motion: To reappoint Peter Curro and Dana Miller to the Traffic Advisory Committee. (Vote passed 3-0)

Motion: To appoint Raymond Ausrotas to the Traffic Advisory Committee. (Vote passed 3-0)

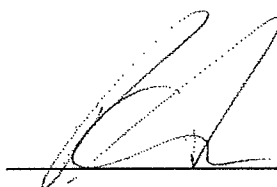
Recreation Commission: There were three vacancies, all of which had requested reappointment: Mary Bradley, David Kane, and Lynn Finley. Lynn Finley had expressed to A. Dash that due to her work commitments she had not been able to attend many meetings, and would also be okay with being replaced. A. Dash was recommending Kimberly Hayley-Jackson, a parent who was involved in the community in many different roles and had ideas for improving some of the recreation programs; she was also a high energy person.

Motion: To reappoint Mary Bradley and David Kane to the Recreation Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

Motion: To appoint Kimberly Hayley-Jackson to the Recreation Commission. (Vote passed 3-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To adjourn. (Vote passed 3-0)

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Respectfully Submitted,

Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator