

Town of Acton
Town Hall Room 121
Volunteer Coordinating Committee
June 11, 2018 Minutes for Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gregory Hutchins
Jennifer Querbes
Xuan Kong
Charlie Aaronson
Hart Millett (arrived at 7:45 pm)

Committee Members Absent:

Fang Yang

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

- Motion to accept the May 14, 2018 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Xuan has contacted all committee members whose appointments are set to expire soon; majority of volunteers intend on continuing their appointments, according to email/phone inquiry; Xuan will contact unresponsive individuals and continue to compile an up-to-date list of volunteers on each committee
- Brief discussion regarding Council on Aging and committee membership status

Interviews:

Dale Chayes for consideration to Land Stewardship Committee:

- Resident of Acton since 2012
- Research engineer, part time
- BS in geology, EMT/Wilderness EMT, K9 search dog handler, Eagle Scout, Helicopter Underwater Escape Training (HUET)
- He was recruited by Bruce Rachman who is currently Chairman of Land Steward committee

Motion to forward Dale Chayes' name to the Board of Selectmen for further consideration to the the Land Stewardship Committee. Motion passed four in favor, one abstention.

Priyadarsini Eramath Murali for consideration to the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council:

- Resident of Acton for three years
- Masters of Arts, Culture, Communication and Media Studies
- Would like to contribute insights to the council regarding how media interacts with culture
- Currently blogs and recruits other women to share their cultural experiences
- Attended one meeting prior to applying

Motion to forward Priyadarsini Eramath Murali's name to the Board of Selectmen for consideration to the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Nirupama Velankar for consideration to the Council on Aging Board:

- Resident of Acton for three years
- Currently volunteers at Acton Senior Center as gym monitor
- Previously served at India Housing Committee in India (comparable to condo association)
- Economics major, Mumbai University
- Feels a strong familiarity with the center and wants to be an active listener among the community members at senior center and share various concerns with the COA board

Motion to forward Nirupama Velankar's name to the Board of Selectmen for consideration to the Council on Aging Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:

VCC discussed Zoning Board of Appeals committee membership. A member of the Planning Board would like to serve on the ZBA. Roland Bartl says there is no conflict of interest in this situation because Planning Board appeals go directly to courts.

Mr. Kozik hopes Ms. Ying will replace Mr. Wagner, who is leaving, on the ZBA.

VCC discussed if it is necessary to interview Emilie Ying for ZBA when she recently was interviewed for her current appoint to the Planning Board. Based on the information we have: She has no conflict of interest personally; there is no conflict of interest between committee appointments; Roland Bartl has indicated there is no conflict of interest. VCC does not see any reason to interview Ms. Ying again, as a result.

Motion to forward Emilie Ying's name to the Board of Selectmen to be appointed a full member of Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief discussion about potential meeting time with Town Human Resources director.

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.