

Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes
September 08, 2022
7:00PM

Via Zoom Conference Call <https://zoom.us/j/87454124171>

Present: Gregory Hutchins, Hart Millett, and Fang Yang

Absent: None

Virtual Meeting Coordinator: Fang Yang

1. Opening

Chair Hutchins opened the meeting at 7:05PM

2. Regular Business

- A. Update on Committee Openings/Appointments - Chair Hutchins updated committee applications and appointments.
- B. Public Comments/citizens concerns - None.
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the VCC’s meeting on August 18, 2022 were reviewed. Mr. Millett moved to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Yang seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:
Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.
- D. Next Meeting – September 22, 2022.

3. New/Special Business

Vote on applications of Emi Azar, Ruby Lillie, and Richard Doherty

Mr. Yang moved to forward Emi Azar’s name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a member of Council on Aging. Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:
Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Mr. Millett moved to forward Ruby Lillie’s name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a student member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Mr. Yang seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:
Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Mr. Yang moved to forward Richard Doherty’s name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a member of the Water Resources Advisory Committee. Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:
Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by Jason Temple for Land Stewardship Committee (LSC)

- Mr. Temple was the land steward for the Pacy Parcel for a long time. His name was removed from the steward list because he was not reappointed during the pandemic. He was a certified sawyer, but not sure if recertification is needed.
- Mr. Temple walks several time a week in the parcel.
- Mr. Temple realized that he need to reapply to be a land steward when he cleaned the trail in the parcel, Bettina pointed out that he is no longer the land steward.
- Mr. Temple has been attending LSC meetings and indicated that he could attend future LSC meetings regularly.
- Mr. Temple reported no conflict of interest.

Mr. Millett moved to forward Jason Temple's name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as an associate member of the LSC. Mr. Yang seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll: Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by Rebecca Harvey for LSC

- Ms. Harvey applied for the stewardship of Spring Hill Conservation Land. She lives by the conservation land. She started a hobby of animal photography during the pandemic time and spent a lot of time in forests. She likes to help to protect the environment in Acton. She is not a sawyer. Bettina informed her the vacancy of the stewardship and invite her to apply.
- She has a project in mind for the land. She has noticed large amounts of extremely dangerous barbed wires on the Spring Hill land and just outside it on the home owner side. She thinks that there should be a plan for how to safely snip, rollup, remove, bag up and disposal this material and document which area is being covered.
- Ms. Harvey is a manager of international data engineering at Nuance Communications. She has a BS degree in Entomology and a minor in Music. She also has a two year degree in Electronics Engineering.
- Ms. Harvey has attended a LSC meeting, and indicated that she could attend future LSC meetings regularly.
- Ms. Harvey reported no conflict of interest.

Mr. Yang moved to forward Rebecca Harvey's name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as an associate member of the LSC. Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

Mr. Yang – aye; Mr. Millett – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by Paula Walsh for Human Service Committee (HSC)

- Ms. Walsh worked over 45 years in healthcare field. Ms. Walsh has a Master Degree in Healthcare Management. She has experience in organization and planning in healthcare management. This is where she wants to serve at a deeper level in the town she is living.
- Ms. Walsh is currently a member of Transportation Advisory Committee. She is the treasurer of Acton Woman's Club.
- Ms. Walsh indicated that she could attend future meetings regularly.

- Ms. Walsh reported no conflict of interest.

Mr. Millett moved to forward Paula Walsh's name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a member of the Human Service Committee. Mr. Yang seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by John Gianetto for Commission on Disabilities (COD)

- Mr. Gianetto is disabled, visually blind. He has a passion to helping out people, especially in the public safety field which he is doing most of his life. When he was sighted, he was a EMT, a disaster volunteer for American Red Cross for 7 years until he became blind.
- Mr. Gianetto currently volunteers with the Town of Littleton on their Community Emergency Response Team, as well their Medical Reserve Corp. He is also a volunteer in Medical Reserve Corp. at Boxborough.
- Mr. Gianetto has lived in Acton all his life and graduated from ABRHS. He was employed as EMT until 2015 when he lost his vision.
- Mr. Gianetto has attended several COD meetings and indicated that he could attend future meetings regularly.
- Mr. Gianetto reported no conflict of interest.

Mr. Yang moved to forward John Gianetto's name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a member of the COD. Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

Mr. Yang – aye; Mr. Millett – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by Nick Boivin for Dog Park Committee (DPC)

- Mr. Boivin recently moved to Acton about a year ago. He has a dog and has enjoyed dog parks in other towns. He would be grateful to have a dog park in our town. And he thought to raise his hand and volunteer to participate in the process.
- Mr. Boivin will be able to attend DPC meeting after the baseball season since he is a coach.
- Mr. Boivin was a member of School Committee and Finance Committee in Reading, MA.
- Mr. Boivin is a patent attorney.
- Mr. Boivin indicated that he has attended a DPC meeting.
- Mr. Boivin reported no conflict interest.

Mr. Millett moved to forward Nick Boivin's name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a member of the DPC. Mr. Yang seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by Makena Muindi for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (DEIC)

Ms. Muindi did not show up for the interview.

4. Adjournment

At 9:22 PM

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hutchins called roll:
Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of August 18, 2022.
- Volunteer Application by Emi Azar.
- Volunteer Application by Ruby Lillie.
- Volunteer Application by Richard Doherty.
- Volunteer Application by Jason Temple.
- Volunteer Application by Rebecca Harvey.
- Volunteer Application by Paula Walsh.
- Volunteer Application by John Gianetto.
- Volunteer Application by Nick Boivin.