

Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

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 7:03PM

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 Dec 14, 2023 were reviewed. Mr. Hutchins moved to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:
Mr. Hutchins – aye; Mr. Millett – aye; and Mr. Yang – aye.
- D. Next Meeting – TBD.

3. New/Special Business

Discussion on Application by David Pinsky for Land Stewardship Committee (LSC)

- Mr. Pinsky applied for a land steward for the Grassy Pond Parcel. He walked there in December. It was totally flooded out and need a lot of cleanup work. So he thought that would be a nice challenge. He talked to Ian (Bergemann) and attended the December committee meeting, and had discussion (on his application). Ian sent him information of the responsibilities for a land steward.
- Mr. Pinsky is a longtime Acton resident. He retired in 2023. He is an outdoor enthusiast and spends a lot of time on conservation lands. He spent some work professionally in environmental issues. So it is just something he wanted to do. It (the land steward) fits his interests. And he would like to give back a little to the town he lived in most of his life.
- Mr. Pinsky has a BSc in Physics and a MSc in Materials Engineering. He was a Materials Engineer for 40+ years.
- Mr. Pinsky found the opening from a notice posted on a kiosk in the town forest. That led him to Ian.
- Mr. Pinsky owns a chainsaw, and has done some cleaning of trees from the trail behind his house. But he is not a certified sawyer.
- Mr. Pinsky reported no conflict of interest.

- Mr. Pinsky reported that he would be able to attend future meetings regularly.

Mr. Millett moved to forward David Pinsky'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. Yang – aye; Mr. Millett – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by Christopher Brandon for Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Mr. Brandon has a long time background in transportation in general. He signed up for notifications from the town's website. When he joined and observed a couple of TAC meetings, he learned that they have an opening. The things in their charter (TAC) are of general interest to him. Mr. Brandon has an undergraduate degree in civil engineering with specialization in transportation. Many years ago, he worked as a transportation engineer. He is interested in the sidewalk prioritization. He is a hobby bicyclist.
- Mr. Brandon is currently a bus driver for Acton. He is a pilot with a commercial certificate.
- Mr. Brandon has been attending all town meetings for 10 or 15 years. He has lived in town for 30 years. His wife is very engaged with the town so he hears a lot through her.
- As a bus driver transporting people through the town, Mr. Brandon has the first hand experience about the type of the trips, the size of the buses and the type of people they serve.
- Mr. Brandon reported no conflict of interest.
- Mr. Brandon reported that he would be able to attend future meetings regularly.

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

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

4. Adjournment

At 7:55PM

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 December 14, 2023.
- Volunteer Application by David Pinsky.
- Volunteer Application by Christopher Brandon.