

## **Volunteer Coordinating Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

June 26, 2025

7:00PM

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

**Present:** Gregory Hutchins, Hart Millett, Jim Snyder-Grant and Fang Yang

**Absent:** None

**Virtual Meeting Coordinator:** Fang Yang

### **1. Opening**

Chair Hutchins opened the meeting at 7:03PM.

### **2. Regular Business**

#### **A. Public Comments/citizens concerns**

Jim Snyder-Grant, Select Board Liaison, discussed the Reappointment Poll results, their significance, their connections with the Reappointment List, and their association with the Master List. The next step will be to update the Master List, including the Reappointment List by next year. Town Clerk Leo Mercado will be responsible for the task. Jim also discussed the need to update web pages of the individual boards and committees.

#### **B. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes on June 12, 2025 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.

#### **C. Next Meeting – TBD.**

### **3. New/Special Business**

#### **Discussion on Application by Robert Jackson for Economic Development Committee (EDC)**

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Mr. Millett moved to forward Robert Jackson's name to the Select Board for further consideration and appointment as a member of the EDC. Mr. Hutchins seconded. Chair Hutchins called the roll:

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

#### **Discussion on Application by Robert Sekuler for Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

- Mr. Sekuler, and his wife Susan, lived in Concord for 24 years. He has worked at Brandeis and is about to retire after 36 years. While he was in Concord, he was on the Library Committee. When he moved to Acton in 2014, he joined the WRAC. During the time, the WRAC had discussions with Concord about the appropriateness of their building a big water treatment plant. In opposition to that, he spoke many times at Board of Selectmen meetings and, he thinks, was instrumental in getting Concord to change its mind. He was on the committee for 6 years. He was also on the TAC for 2 years.

- Mr. Sekuler reached out to Alissa Nicol for advice about how he could contribute to the community. She suggested either WRAC or TAC. He decided to apply the more challenging TAC as an associate member.
- Mr. Sekuler reported that he has attended 4 TAC meetings and would be able to attend future meetings regularly.
- Mr. Sekuler reported no conflict of interest.
- Mr. Sekuler reported that he attended about half of the town meetings since he moved to Acton.

Mr. Yang moved to forward Robert Sekuler's name to the Select Board for further consideration and appointment as an associate member of the TAC. Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

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

#### Discussion on Application by Amanda Lodi for Commission on Disabilities (COD)

- Ms. Lodi grew up in Acton her whole life. She went to Gates Elementary School and graduated from AB. She went to a military college and played Rugby there. Her accrued injuries and health issues pushed her towards school near home, like BU and UMass Lowell. In the last couple of years she had struggled with health issues. And during this period, she learned that there is a very large gap in terms of advocacy at the local level for individuals who have disabilities. With her dad a disabled veteran and being around a lot of individuals in and out of the hospitals, she feels that she has a unique perspective. Inspired by this, She wanted to get involved in a local capacity. That lead her to pursued the local website for volunteer opportunities and apply for the opening on COD.
- Ms. Lodi reported that he has attended a COD meeting, involved with some projects they had. She wrote one of the speeches for the picnics in collaboration with Melissa Wingfield. She got in touch with Lisa Franklin, and is trying to see if she can help roll out one of the projects for education with Community Ed. She reported that she would be able to attend future meetings regularly.
- Ms. Lodi reported no conflict of interest.
- Ms. Lodi likes to read the town warrant. She have a lot of friends in town. She attended town meetings when she was in high school.

Mr. Yang moved to forward Amanda Lodi's name to the Select Board for further consideration and appointment as a member of the COD. Mr. Millett seconded this motion. Chair Hutchins called roll:

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

#### Discussion on Waiving Interview for Himaja Nagireddy for her application to the Board of Health (BOH)

Himaja Nagireddy served as a member of the Select Board and the Liaison to the BOH.

Mr. Millett moved to waive the interview for Ms. Nagireddy. He emphasized that as the Liaison of the BOH, Ms. Nagireddy certainly has the experience to become a member of the Board. Mr. Yang seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

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

#### Discussion on Application from Himaja Nagireddy to join BOH

Mr. Yang noticed that Ms. Nagireddy, a PhD student at Stanford University, might not be a resident of Acton. As a meeting attendee, Ms. Nagireddy confirmed that she would soon enter her health policy PhD program and would be out of state. However, she has been in touch with Alissa Nicol, who will discuss the matter with the Town Counsel. She also spoke with the BOH Chair, and together they are ensuring that Ms. Nagireddy can be a member and participate in BOH meetings virtually. If her participation is not permitted, she will withdraw her application. Mr. Yang moved to forward Ms. Himaja Nagireddy's name to the Select Board for further consideration and appointment as a member of the BOH. Mr. Hutchins seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

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

#### **4. Adjournment**

At 8:56PM

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 June 12, 2025.
- Volunteer Application by Robert Jackson.
- Volunteer Application by Robert Sekuler.
- Volunteer Application by Amanda Lodi.
- Volunteer Application by Himaja Nagireddy.