

Town of Acton  
Town Hall Room 121  
Volunteer Coordinating Committee  
June 26, 2017 Minutes for Meeting

**In attendance:**

Gregory Hutchins  
Jennifer Querbes  
Xuan Kong  
Hart Millett  
Jean Lane

**Selectmen liaison in attendance:**

Peter Berry

**Absent:**

Charlie Aaronson  
Dan Brunelle

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.**

**Discussion regarding criteria for recognition of service:**

Peter Berry discussed possible ways of recognizing longstanding service to the community in a formal manner.

Should the VCC develop the criteria for the award? Peter mentioned that Charlie had suggested asking the town staff. Peter suggested selectmen might include input into who receives the award, as well as how to recognize those individuals.

What forms of recognition should be given? E.g., framed art, certificate, publication in town paper, notice and photo on town website. Potential criteria: length of service, quality of contributions, etc.

Peter asked if VCC could name potential candidates by October 2017.

Xuan suggested determining number of years each volunteer has served and recognize those in the top tier first and work down the list.

**Motion to pass the minutes for June 12, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Interviews:**

**Karen Myers for Acton Boxborough Cultural Council:**

Karen Myers was unable to attend due to illness.

**Karen Martin for Acton Dog Park Committee:**

- Twenty-two years as an Acton resident
- Two Irish Setters
- Owned numerous breeds and recognizes that different breeds have varied needs
- Background in education, including grant writing experience
- Motivated to give back to the community now that she is retiring
- Would like to find a solution to the general community/ dog community tension created by not having a defined dog park
- Feels she has the planning capabilities and detail-oriented thinking to help achieve the goals of the committee

Motion to forward Karen Martin's name to the Board of Selectmen for consideration for the Acton Dog Park Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

**Peter Henry for West Acton Sewer Action Advisory Committee:**

- Owns True West Brewery in West Acton
  - Rents property, does not own (525 Mass Ave, Acton, Ma)
  - Recognizes it may have impact on business
- Acton resident for twelve years, Boxborough resident currently
- Family has previous experience with former sewer advisory committee
  - Does not believe parents live within the area potentially affected
- Sees addition of sewer as planning and developing the infrastructure necessary to supply the growth in population and business
- Would like to represent the business community
- Travel for work varies, which may potentially impact ability to attend meetings

Motion to forward Peter Henry's name to the Board of Selectmen for consideration for the West Acton Sewer Action Advisory Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

**Garry McCarthy for West Acton Sewer Action Advisory Committee:**

Garry was unable to attend due to his meeting in Maynard running late.

**Discussion and recommendation for applicants, to include Raoul Smith for Historical Commission Associate Member, and Dr. Thomas Jacoby, DMD for Board of Health, Associate Member:**

Motion to recommend Raoul Smith to the Board of Selectmen for the Historical Commission as an associate member and Dr. Thomas Jacoby, DMD, for Board of Health. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:18 pm. Motion passed unanimously.**