

Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes [Approved July 22, 2019]

July 8, 2019

7:00PM

Room 121, Town Hall, 472 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720

Present: Gregory Hutchins, Xuan Kong, Hart Millett, and Fang Yang.

Absent: None

1. Opening

Chair Hutchins opened the meeting at 7:05PM

2. Regular Business

- A. Update on Committee Openings/Appointments – Greg gave an update on Committee member appointments made by BOS since last VCC meeting, status of pending volunteer applications, and committee/board openings.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the VCC's June 24th, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote of 4 Yes.

3. New/Special Business

Hearing on Application by Ronald Parenti for Water Resources Advisory Committee

- Dr. Parenti is an Acton resident for 44 years. Professionally he works in optical research field at MIT/Lincoln Laboratory full time.
- Dr. Parenti was recruited by Ms. Lucy Kirshner of WRAC.
- Dr. Parenti indicated that he has no apparent conflict of interest. He previously served as a commissioner of Acton Water District from 1992 to 2019.
- Dr. Parenti attended town meetings regularly.
- Dr. Parenti believed that his analytical/modeling background, as well as his many years of service as an Acton Water District Commissioner will be an asset to WRAC's function in advising Town of Acton of its water resource future.

Motion to forward Ronald Parenti's name to the Board of Selectmen for further consideration to appoint as a member of Water Resources Advisory Committee. Motion passed unanimously (4 Yes).

Hearing on Application by Paul Baker for Commission on Disabilities

- Mr. Baker is an Acton resident for 24 years. Previously he worked (now retired) as a job coach and vocational instructor for Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services.
- Mr. Baker is retired and looking for ways to contribute to Town of Acton.
- Mr. Baker has an immediate family member with learning disabilities.

- Mr. Baker attended many town meetings and attended several CoD meetings in recent months. He indicated that he could attend all meetings of the Commission on Disabilities.
- Mr. Baker reported no apparent conflict of interest with serving on Commission on Disabilities.

Motion to forward Paul Baker's name to the Board of Selectmen for further consideration to appoint as a member of Commission on Disabilities. Motion passed unanimously (4 Yes).

Hearing on Application by Lori Cooney for Cable Advisory Committee

- Ms. Cooney is an Acton resident for 5 years. Now retired, she previously worked as a local news producer for local TV stations for many years (California). She also served as social media manager for station for a few years.
- Ms. Cooney worked with ActonTV staff through her volunteering work with Council on Aging.
- Ms. Cooney studied FCC regulations previously. She has extensive working experience in TV businesses.
- Ms. Cooney attended town meetings regularly and attended one Cable Advisory Committee meeting. She indicated that she could attend Committee meetings regularly.
- Ms. Cooney reported no apparent conflict of interest with serving on Committee. She occasionally works for NESN (New England Sports Network).

Motion to forward Lori Cooney's name to the Board of Selectmen for further consideration to appoint as a member of Cable Advisory Committee. Motion passed unanimously (4 Yes).

Discussion on VCC reorganizations for FY2020

The committee members unanimously elected the following officers for FY2020

- Chair: Gregory Hutchins
- Vice Chair: Hart Millett
- Clerk: Fang Yang

4. Adjournment

At 8:55PM., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of June 24th, 2019.
- Application by Ronald Parenti for Water Resources Advisory Committee
- Application by Paul Baker for Commission on Disabilities
- Application by Lori Cooney for Cable Advisory Committee