

Acton Volunteer Coordinating Committee Minutes for 11/8/2010

Present: Bonnie Geithner, Jean Lane, Jean Schoch, Nancy Gerhardt, Efi Papadopoulos and Charlie Aaronson

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM on 11/8/2010.

The review of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred to the end of the meeting.

There were three interviews listed on the agenda.

1st Interview – Terence Lobo as an applicant for the Cable Advisory Committee. He has not attended any meetings but has read their agendas and minutes. He is interested in this committee because he used to work in this field and wants to stay involved. He can advise on technical issues. Terence has lived in Acton 19 years. He is active in Town and attends Town Meetings. He stated that he would have no problem with the time required to attend meetings. He has also communicated with the current committee to express his interest.

2nd Interview – Amy Green as an applicant for the Conservation Commission. She has no apparent conflict of interest although she does do consulting on conservation issues.. She is not a Town Meeting attendee. She stated that she would have no trouble making time for the meetings of the Conservation Commission. Amy used to be a member of the Holliston Conservation Commission. Her interest in this commission is so that she can get a more balanced view of the issues. She has spent time on the developers' side of things and now would like to work on the Town's side of the issues.

3rd Interview – Remo Politano as an applicant for service without a specific committee in mind. He is a self proclaimed "Jack of many trades". He also wants to become involved in public service. He does not attend Town Meetings on a regular basis. It was suggested to him that he visit several committees and boards and test the "waters". He agreed to try some out.

Voting:

It was moved and seconded to forward Terry Lobo for the opening on the Cable Advisory Committee. Passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded forward Amy Green for the opening on the Conservation Commission. In the discussion that followed, there was some reservation on her lack of participation in Town Government. The result of the vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

No action was taken on Remo Politano. It is recommended that he visit several committees and get back to us. He seemed pleased with that outcome.

The minutes of 9/27/2010 were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes with the correction of the spelling of a committee member's name. Passed unanimously.

Bonnie has asked the entire VCC to prepare some notes about how we might improve how we conduct our meetings, how we could share the responsibilities of the meeting and how we can avoid the need to make as many copies of the things that we make copies of, i.e. applications, resumes, minutes, etc... The plan would be to share and discuss these issues at our first meeting in December.

The next meeting of the VCC is scheduled for 11/22/2010 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.