



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**Monday, August 8, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Select Board Members Present:

Mr. Todd R. Johnson, Esq., Chair; Mr. James F. Mackey, III, Vice-Chair; Mr. Mark Kratman, Clerk; Mr. Jay Kelly, Board Member; and Ms. Jayne E. Wellman, Board Member.

Planning Board Members Present:

Mr. Steve Johnson, Mr. Robert Fowler, Mr. Vincent Fratalia, and, Mr. James Duffy

Not Present: N/A

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Johnson of the Planning Board. He thanked those in attendance and recognized the Planning Board members. Chair Johnson called the Planning Board to order since both Boards were meeting.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. 6:00 p.m. – Joint Meeting with the Planning Board to Elect New Member

Discussion: Planning Board Chair Johnson detailed the reasons why the joint meeting was required, cited the statutory process to fill a vacant position, and outlined how he intended to manage the flow of the meeting. He thanked all interested applicants and stressed that the rightful decider of elected positions should be the registered voters, but due to the vacancy, this process requires the joint Boards to decide the next annual town election. He emphasized that candidates not chosen tonight were appreciated for their interest and urged to find other ways to participate in local government. He also noted that two Planning Board seats would be on the ballot in April.

The chair noted that Mr. Robert O'Brien had withdrawn his application, leaving five candidates. He then offered each of the five candidates an opportunity to present their qualifications and reasons for seeking a seat on the boards. The candidates presented in alphabetical order: Mr. Jason Christian, Mr. Jonathan Ciampa, Mr. George Ferdinand, Mr. Mike Morawski, and Mr. Matthew Richard. After each candidate offered comments, Board members engaged with various questions of each candidate.

At the conclusion of the interview process, the chair commenced a roll call vote resulting in a unanimous 9 – 0 – 0 vote to elect Mr. Jonathan Ciampa to the Planning Board until the next annual town election.

The Chair of the Select Board called for a brief recess at 7:02 p.m. and the Planning Board Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 7:02 p.m. The vote was unanimous. The Planning Board then departed the meeting.

2. Select Board Interview and Committee Appointments

Discussion: When the meeting was called back to order at 7:10 PM, the Chair explained that there were several interviews to conduct and appointments to be made. He indicated that the Select Board would conduct the interviews in the order noted on the handout for various positions. (See attached [Schedule/Roster](#)). It was noted that Mr. Joe Zanette did not appear and that some candidates were unable to attend, so they would potentially be considered at a later date. Each candidate was afforded an opportunity to explain their background, skills, and reasons to pursue the respective committee position sought.

At the conclusion of the interviews, the Chair called for nominations and votes on each committee.

The following results were voted:

Tewksbury North & Trahan School Reuse Committee:

- Mr. George Ferdinand: 4 – 1 - 0 in favor of an at-large position through 6/30/23 with Ms. Jayne Wellman voting in the negative.
- Mr. John Deputat: 5 – 0 – 0 in favor of an at-large position through 6/30/23.
- Mr. Jeff Elwell: 5 – 0 – 0 in favor of a position representing the Trahan School Neighborhood through 6/30/23.

Massachusetts Cultural Council:

- Ms. Niharika Karia: 5 – 0 – 0 vote to appoint for the term authorized.

Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee:

- Mr. Raymond Bowden: 5 – 0 – 0 in favor of term through 6/30/23.
- Ms. Susan Young: 5 – 0 – 0 in favor of term through 6/30/23.
- Ms. Joann Brace: 5 – 0 – 0 in favor of term through 6/30/23.

Historic Commission:

- Ms. Karen Joyce Favreau: 5 – 0 – 0 vote to appoint to Seat #1 for a term through 6/30/25.

Local Historic District Study Committee:

- Ms. Karen Joyce Favreau: 5 – 0 – 0 in favor of term through 6/30/23.

Board Member Wellman requested that the Board hold on appointments to the TDEIAC (Tewksbury Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee) pending a future Board discussion regarding the size of the committee. Chair Johnson indicated that he would add it to a future meeting agenda.

With no further business on the agenda or brought forward by members, the Select Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on September 13, 2022

Documents Presented and/or Discussed:

- Joint Meeting with Planning Board to Elect New Member Roster
- Select Board Interview and Committee Appointments Schedule

Next Select Board Meeting Date: August 9, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Gedziun
Recording Secretary