

**Volunteer Coordinating Committee Meeting
First Floor Conference Room
Town Hall
Tuesday, April 24, 2012 - 9:30 a.m.**

Present: Carol Amick, Chair, Patricia Carluccio, Joseph Piantedosi

Absent: Catherine Cordes, Selectmen Liaison

Also Present: Patricia Hurd, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Mr. Piantedosi made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 9, 2012, as amended. Ms. Carluccio seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Old Business

a) Update – Candidates for Reappointment

Mr. Piantedosi reported that John Monahan would like to be reappointed to the Patriotic Holiday Committee but not to the Cable Television Committee. He reported that he has not heard back from Paulette Everitt for Affordable Housing Committee. He will call committee Chair Irma Carter to see if she knows if Paulette wants to stay on the committee. Mr. Piantedosi also contacted Brian O'Donnell for the Bicycle Advisory Committee and has not gotten a response. He will try again.

Ms. Carluccio was unable to call the assigned volunteers to see if they want to be reappointed, but will do so.

Ms. Amick reported that Pat Leiby would like to be reappointed to the Petitioner's Advisory Committee. Additionally, Paul Marcus would like to continue serving on the Trails Committee. Ms. Amick reported that Lee Yates has not yet decided to stay on the Historic Preservation Commission or the Wilson Mill Park Planning Committee. Mark Siegenthaler is still undecided on MAPC.

b) Review – Members' Assignment Updates

Ms. Carluccio reported that Brian Bartkus is very interested in serving on Wilson Mill Park Planning Committee. The committee needs to obtain additional names before sending the candidates for an interview with the Selectmen.

Mr. Piantedosi reported that Michael Hayes is interested in serving on a committee. He previously served on CapEx and School Committee. He runs a financial company and served in the Navy. He may be interested in serving on the Patriot Holiday Committee or the Finance Committee. Mr. Hayes also showed some interest in the Depot Park Advisory Committee. Mr. Piantedosi intends to invite Mr. Hayes to the next Patriotic Holiday Committee meeting. Mr. Piantedosi also informed the members that Oscar DePriest, a one-star general and local dentist, was left off the list, but wants to be reappointed to the Patriotic Holiday Committee.

Ms. Carluccio noted that Kathy Moskas is interested in serving on a housing committee and will need to attend a committee meeting for the particular housing committee she ultimately decides upon.

Mr. Piantedosi also reported that Helene Rosenthal is only interested in Youth & Family Services and would like to be contacted when there is an opening.

Ms. Carluccio noted that she has a friend who is a history major who may be suited for the Historic Preservation Commission, but she needs to research the time commitment. Deb Pariseau, R.N. indicated to Ms. Carluccio that she will run for the Board of Health next time there is an open seat.

Ms. Carluccio will call Robert Fitzgerald again to see if he is interested in serving on a committee.

Mr. Piantedosi reported that he forwarded a list of openings to Terry Parker but has not heard back. He felt that he was not sure whether he really wanted to volunteer.

Mr. Piantedosi reported that John Petersen, who has the right kind of background they need for Depot Park, is very interested and will attend the next meeting. He will make his decision after he attends the meeting. Art Ellis attended a Depot Park meeting and decided that he is not interested.

Bob Marshall, who ran unsuccessfully for Selectman, is very interested in the Cable Television Committee and will try to attend the next meeting.

John Sullivan, of Sullivan Video, is interested in the Cable Television Committee. He has a strong interest and does video work all over New England. Mr. Piantedosi felt he would be a great find for the committee and John will try to attend the next meeting.

Bob Avakian is interested in serving on a committee, but first wants to review the list of openings with Mr. Piantedosi.

Andreas Uthoff is still interested in Cable Television.

Ms. Amick reported that Gene Clerkin applied for HPC. Pat reminded her that he put a hold on his application, although he did not mention the hold to Ms. Amick. Ms. Amick

could not reach Anita Ruepp. Charles Rosenberg, a teller at Town Meeting, is not interested in serving. Ann Guay is interested in affordable housing. Ms. Amick will send her information. Ms. Amick noted that Mike Piava was interested in Wilson Mill, but she could not find his name or number and asked Ms. Hurd to obtain copies of the 2011 List of Residents book. Michael Wingfield is not interested in any of the current listed vacancies noted at Town Meeting, but may be interested in some other committee. Ms. Amick noted that the committee needs to first identify where all the vacancies exist and then she will send the list to him. Ms. Amick stated that she has not yet called Julie Turner. Peter Cooper was interested in the Arbor Resource Committee, Land Acquisition or the Transportation Advisory Committee. Ms. Amick advised him to read the Town Report for information on what each committee did for the past year. The Town Report can be found on the Town's website under Publications – Town Government. Ms. Amick noted that Walter St. Onge applied for Land Acquisition and he has not yet decided whether he also wants to stay on the Energy Task Force. Ms. Amick has had no response yet from Christopher Craven. Suzanne Harrison was interested in Arbor Resource but wanted to know what the time commitment would be as she is away during the summer months. Ms. Amick will discuss this issue with the committee's Chair, Jaci Edwards. Ms. Amick noted that Dan Smythe has also not responded.

Ms. Amick plans to call Dot Anderson Perez. She has not reached Maggie Debbie, but noted that she is already on another committee. Ms. Amick reported that she sent George Epple a Questionnaire to complete after being contacted by a member of the Cultural Council, who said he was interested. After communicating the fact that there were several Cultural Council vacancies, Ms. Amick said she was contacted by the Chairman, who indicated that the Council prefers to identify its own members.

Ms. Amick recommended that each member follow-up with the residents they have been unable to reach. The committee would like to develop a spreadsheet indicating the committees that have openings with the names of those who are interested in serving, the latest date of contact, names of residents who have applied and a comment column.

c) Communication/liaison role to Boards and Committees

The members agreed that each member should review all the Town committees and prepare a list of preferred 'liaison' committees for discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Amick suggested that, if any member happens to be at some activity or meeting, it would be a good idea to introduce themselves as a member of the VCC and ask if anyone is interested in volunteering for town government and get their email addresses.

Ms. Amick distributed a list of names and email addresses of residents who attended the first public workshop for the Planning Board's Comprehensive Plan update. Each VCC member selected names they would contact to determine interest in volunteering for town government.

Ms. Amick noted that she thought Rose Pappert has resigned from the Historic Preservation Commission. She will contact the Chair of HPC to find out if she submitted her resignation.

d) Possible recommendations to Selectmen:

- (1) Consolidation of 3 housing committees.
- (2) Appointment of unregistered, legal non-citizens to certain committees.

At Ms. Amick's recommendation, the committee will postpone action on these topics until they catch up on appointments.

New Business

The members would like to have an email address specifically for them on the Town's website on their committee page. Ms. Amick will discuss this with the Town Manager.

In response to a suggestion from Mr. Piantedosi that the committee publicize vacancies in the Bedford Minuteman, Ms. Amick said she would prepare an article once the full extent of current vacancies is known.

Mr. Piantedosi suggested that those committees with openings should contact the appointing authorities and relay what type of skills the committee is looking for. He also reiterated that the VCC also should establish closer contact with the committee chairs. Ms. Amick agreed. The committee decided to wait until after the reappoint process is complete before they develop a policy.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, May 8, 2012 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn

Mr. Piantedosi made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Carluccio seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hurd
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved as amended May 8, 2012

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