

Ordinances & Administration Committee

Remote Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

Present: Chair, Councilor Sean Nolan; Vice Chair, Councilor Steven LeBlanc; Councilor O’Hara**Absent: None.****Also Present: Mayor Sefatia Theken; Councilor Gilman; Councilor Holmgren; Nicole Kieser; Joanne Senos****The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. There was a quorum of the City Council.**

Chairperson Nolan announced this meeting is recorded by video and audio in accordance with state Open Meeting Law. Consistent with the Governor’s orders suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law and banning gatherings of more than 10 people, this meeting will be conducted by remote participation.

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Matters were taken out of order.**1. Boards, Committees & Commissions New Appointments**

Community Preservation Committee

Matthew Lundberg

TTE 2/14/24

Mr. Lundberg conveyed to the Committee that he was born in Gloucester and lived here until he left to go to school. He moved to Chicago and moved back eight years ago. Catherine Schlichte mentioned that there would be openings on this committee. It was at the time he was looking to start contributing again, and he was glad to be considered. **Councilor O’Hara** thanked him for his interest and enthusiasm in helping the city and it was appreciated. **Councilor Nolan** thanked him for coming back to Gloucester, and they were happy to have him. He read his resume and looks forward to his contribution on this committee. **Councilor LeBlanc** noted that he has known Mr. Lundberg for a while. Mr. Lundberg and his wife are assets to the city, the whole Lundberg family is great, and is looking forward to working with him.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council appoint Matthew Lundberg to the Community Preservation Committee, TTE 02/14/24.

Councilor LeBlanc stated he wanted to let the new appointees and reappointees understand that the Boards, Committees and Commission fall under the purview of the Mayor’s Office. It is great that these boards, committees and commissions can work independently, but when it comes down to it if there are any big decisions that come before them, that is going to affect the entire city, it would be a really good idea to reach out to the Mayor’s Office for some guidance or to see what the Mayor’s Office thinks before moving forward. They have had some things that have been brought before the council without the approval of the Mayor’s Office that have come out of these committees.

Council on Aging

Suzanne Silveira

TTE 2/14/24

Ms. Silveira conveyed to the committee that she grew up in Gloucester, worked for the city for ten years running the Tourism Dept. Now that she is semi-retired, she is doing some work for the Northeast Seafood Coalition and other fisheries groups. She served as Chair of the Downtown Development Commission for many years. She added that now that she has extra time, the Mayor reached out to her and asked if she would like to serve on the Council on Aging. **Councilor Nolan** commented that her references on working on different committees did not go unrecognized, would be a huge asset for city and thanked her for stepping forward. **Councilor O'Hara** commented that they appreciate all her energy and enthusiasm to help our city. **Councilor LeBlanc** echoed the same.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council appoint Suzanne Silveira to the Council On Aging, TTE 02/14/24.

Magnolia Pier Advisory Committee Noreen Gillis (*fulfilling unexpired term*)

TTE 2/14/22

Ms. Gillis conveyed to the committee that she has been a resident of Gloucester all her life and lived in Magnolia all her life. She helped with the two successful fundraisers that they had for the Magnolia Pier. Mr. Ted Costa asked her, because Dick Wilson had stepped down, if she would like to join the Committee. **Councilor Nolan** noted that the pier committee is something that's been kind of a really big part of what's going on in his ward. Ms. Gillis has been immensely involved and probably the anchor of what happens. They have been through some different community members and different thoughts on what needs to happen. The bottom line was fundraising and money, and without Ms. Gillis and some of her other friends and neighbors, they would not have been where they were tonight. He is completely satisfied that she wants to do this and can't support her enough. She's a wonderful asset to the city of Gloucester, not just Magnolia, and he couldn't be happier. **Councilor O'Hara** echoed what Councilor Nolan just mentioned. They have known each other all their lives. She is a tremendous asset to our city and to Magnolia. She and her husband have done wonderful things for our city and thanked her. **Councilor LeBlanc** thanked her.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council appoint Noreen Gillis (fulfilling an unexpired term) to the Magnolia Pier Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/22.

Boards, Committees & Commission Reappointments

Affordable Housing Trust

Ruth Pino

TTE 2/14/23 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Councilor LeBlanc asked Ms. Pino how things were going with the Affordable Housing Trust. Ms. Pino replied that it **has been quiet since COVID**. They met back in the beginning of 2020 with Jill Cahill and had a plan to meet with the CPA Committee and talk about their housing money. They did give a substantial amount of the YMCA redevelopment on Middle Street. It has been hard to get anything moving. She really believes that the Affordable Housing Trust needs to review the zoning reform changes that are that were voted by the legislature two weeks ago. She sent them to George Sibley for them to review what it means, because she thought zoning reform and affordable housing go hand in hand. **Councilor Nolan** commented that Ms. Pino is involved with the one hundred percent and keeping track with the changes with the state from two weeks ago, that just shows her commitment to us in the city and thanked her. **Councilor O'Hara** thanked Ms. Pino for all her energy that she has put forth in our city on this and other related committees and thanked her for stepping forward. **Councilor LeBlanc** echoed what was said and appreciated everything she does

throughout the city, for the city and for the chamber and thanked her. **Ms. Pino** added that the housing reform bill will filter down to towns and municipalities locally. It's really all about the city of Gloucester looking at them and see how to move some of them forward. The Mayor commented that they are looking at that right now. There was a presentation in front of the City Council and she will forward that presentation to Ms. Pino to share with the other members of the Affordable Housing Trust and thanked her. **Councilor LeBlanc** added that with the Mayor's consent that will put in a request for George Sibley, Chairperson for the Affordable Housing Trust, would be beneficial for him to do a presentation to City Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Ruth Pino to the Affordable Housing Trust, TTE 2/14/23.

Affordable Housing Trust

Michael Luster

TTE 2/14/23 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Mr. Luster conveyed to the committee that they were excited at the beginning of last year and had some momentum. He added that like Ms. Pino said they were ready to get into some discussion with the CPC. They had a fabulous presentation by the YMCA and were excited about appropriating some funds for the project on Middle Street. They are looking forward to getting back into things. **Councilor Nolan** thanked Mr. Luster for everything he does in the community, whether it's youth sports or the schools or the Affordable Housing Trust. The Affordable Housing Trust members have made a lot of really good decisions over the years and looked forward with working with him going forward. **Councilor O'Hara** thanked Mr. Luster for his service and wished him the best. **Councilor LeBlanc** commented that he appreciated everything Mr. Luster does.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Michael Luster to the Affordable Housing Trust, TTE 2/14/23.

Bd. of Commissioners of Trust Funds Karen Neva Bell

TTE 2/14/24 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Ms. Bell conveyed to the committee that they are a very small board. Barry Weiner and Rick Ciolino are the other members and they work very closely with CFO John Dunn and the Cape Savings Bank. They have met infrequently and yet she thought a lot of work has actually gone ahead over the last year. The Board of Commissioners of Trust Fund deals with all of the bequests that have been made to the city of Gloucester, some of them well over one hundred years old. Any changes, major changes or decisions about the appropriateness of using trust funds in certain ways that were not originally envisioned by the benefactors have to be submitted or worked through with the Attorney General's Office of Charities. They actually engaged some outside counsel to help them go through that because they are hoping that it would result in maybe more flexibility and a way to be able to use some of these funds in ways that are appropriate for the challenges that we're facing right now in Gloucester and the world in general. It is a very nice and enjoyable commission. **Councilor LeBlanc** told Ms. Bell that they want them to be enjoyable, not only productive, but enjoyable. **Councilor Nolan** told Ms. Bell that she was surrounded by great people. Barry Weiner is an awesome person, and maybe some people may sound a little like a less task orientated with people leaving money, but how you represent that money and how it's spent their caretaker is priceless. He thanked Ms. Bell for all that. **Councilor O'Hara** thanked Ms. Bell for her continued interest. **Councilor LeBlanc** thanked Ms. Bell.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to

recommend that the City Council reappoint Karen Neva Bell to the Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds, TTE 2/14/24.

Clean City Commission Sarah Steward TTE 2/14/24 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Ms. Steward was not present but was known to the Committee so her reappointment was put forward.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Sarah Steward to the Clean City Commission, TTE 2/14/24.

Clean City Commission Carter Whitlock TTE 2/14/24 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Carter Whitlock conveyed to the committee that since COVID has restricted them from meeting, it has been slow. They have lost some members but she likes the team they have and enjoy working with them. There are some things they like to do when they can meet again in a healthy environment. On an inquiry by Councilor LeBlanc, Ms. Whitlock replied that she believes that two members have left and one was in 2020. Councilor LeBlanc added that if anyone on the call this evening knows anyone that was looking to volunteer on a board, commission or committee, the Clean City Commission is a great commission and to spread the word. They will try to fill up this commission and work with the Mayor's Office to try to get some meetings to at least keep the ball rolling. **Councilor Nolan** thanked Ms. Whitlock for her continued work. This is a great commission and just because the commission isn't actively meeting, it doesn't mean you cannot reach out to any of your councilors with ideas or any initiatives to work on to make Gloucester a cleaner place, and they are here for them. He added same goes for as anybody else on these boards that do not meet right now. Just reach out to them because there are some things they can do and there are a lot of councilors that would like to help you for all your hard work. **Councilor O'Hara** thanked Ms. Whitlock for her energy and initiative to move forward.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Carter Whitlock to the Clean City Commission, TTE 2/14/24.

Clean Energy Commission Samuel Ziergiebel TTE 2/24/23 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Mr. Zierbiebel conveyed to the committee, like everyone said, they haven't been meeting as much. In his brief time on the commission, filling a seat a little more than a year ago, he definitely has strength in the technical side of sustainable industries, but not so much on the city government side. He has a lot to learn, but right now they are all just kind of trying to keep a pulse on what's going in sustainable industries at the state level and kind of basically what's happening in the industry. That's pretty much all they can do until they can get back into the having their meeting. **Councilor LeBlanc** added that they are trying to get some of these boards and commissions start meeting and to not to get discouraged. Councilor Nolan commented that clean energy is something that is foremost important for Gloucester. You can tell by the windmills in the way that they look at the energy savings with insulation and solar panels and a lot more to come in the next four years. This is something that they are highly involved with and they really want to help. As he told Ms. Whitlock, you may not be meeting, but feel free to reach out to them. They are here as councilors and love new ideas. **Councilor O'Hara** added that he appreciated Mr. Ziergiebel's energy.

Councilor LeBlanc commented that he is looking forward to great things on the Clean Energy Commission and looking forward to some of the green things that we can do. He was over at the new YMCA for a quick

little tour earlier today, and it's just amazing that the how green it is. If they can follow the footprint of the YMCA then they are in good shape as a city.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Samuel Ziergiebel to the Clean Energy Commission, TTE 2/14/23.

Clean Energy Commission

Linda Brayton

TTE 2/24/23 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Ms. Brayton echoed what Mr. Ziergiebel said. She has been going back and forth exchanging webinars that they ought to go through with each other. One picks up one, another one picks up another and so forth. At this point in time, certainly in the country, as well as the state and globally, it's a really amazing time for opportunities and possibilities and things they could do. It is really overwhelming to think of how many things could happen. They can't really meet and haven't since the beginning of COVID. However they have one project, particularly, that she should mention. Candace Wheeler, herself, along with Gregg Cademartori, have been going to regional meetings about electric aggregation as Councilors know that the City has the municipal aggregation program already. It is possible to maybe work with other cities and towns in the region to get something even better going on and that is in the works. It is a possibility that might work for Gloucester if they can get the staff time in the meeting and meeting time to take it a little further. This is a really pivotal point in time. She touched on the governor's veto on the huge Massachusetts road map to 2050, however the House and the Senate have now just approved it again. One of the biggest hang ups he was worried about affordable housing in the connection with the work that's done with saving energy and so forth. She thought those pieces really pulled together rather than not that they support each other. They got in that whole situation with plan 2000 where they figured out that actually they can take disparate interests and find out if they are not. Job creation is another thing that'll be coming up. It's an exciting time, and she hoped we can get at it.

Councilor LeBlanc touched on what Ms. Brayton said in the beginning about reaching out to the commission, delegating webinars and bringing back that knowledge to the rest of the commission. **Councilor Nolan** noted that every time there is an issue that actually involves people in the city, for energy or the environment or for animals, Ms. Bryton is always at the forefront of this. Everything she gets involved with she put her heart behind, believes in it and she will answer questions and will always inform them of what is going on. She is one of the most influential people that he has met and thanked her. **Councilors O'Hara and LeBlanc** thanked Ms. Brayton. The Mayor also thanked Ms. Brayton.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Linda Brayton to the Clean Energy Commission, TTE 2/14/23.

Clean Energy Commission

John Moskal

TTE 2/14/23 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Mr. Moskal noted that he didn't have anything to add to what Mr. Ziergiebel and Ms. Brayton said.

Councilor O'Hara thanked Mr. Moskal for stepping up and helping the city. **Councilor Nolan** thanked Mr. Moskal and said the Commission has made a huge impact from the beginning until today and looks forward to the commission continually to lead on the edge of technology where they can end up in the best of the city. Councilor LeBlanc echoed what Councilors O'Hara and Nolan said.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint John Moskal to the Clean Energy Commission, TTE 2/14/23.

Community Preservation Committee Pamela Tobey TTE 2/14/24 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Ms. Tobey conveyed that the committee has obviously been able to kind of keep moving along through COVID, and had some off cycle applications that are a bit more applicable to COVID. They worked with Action to help with some rental assistance. They are getting ready for their next round of applications, which they were excited about.

Councilor Nolan thanked Ms. Tobey and added it is a great committee. They are always looking forward to what they present to them, and is well thought out on where to put it and how the applications go. It is great for the whole Community in the way it works. **Councilor O'Hara** thanked Ms. Tobey and the communication between the committee and the council to make this happen. **Councilor LeBlanc** thanked Ms. Tobey.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 oppose to recommend that the City Council reappoint Pamela Tobey to the Community Preservation Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Conservation Commission Barry Gradwhol TTE 2/14/24 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Barry Gradwhol to the Conservation Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Mr. Gradwhol was not present but was known to the Committee so his reappointment was put forward.

Conservation Commission Linda Charpentier TTE 2/14/24 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Ms. Charpentier conveyed that it was unbelievable on how busy they are, and they have been having three hour meetings. She would like to see more crossover between the commissions because there is so much overlap in some of these commission. She was very interested in what the two clean commissions were talking about, and if anyone wanted to reach out to her she has twenty-five years of experience in environment, sustainability and green energy. Her big concern right now is sustainable development for the city, and is really concerned with what she is seeing in terms of out of town developers coming in and just bypassing their regulations on conversation, and there is a need to pay attention to this. She is doing her part on the Conservation Commission and is available with crossing over to any other commission. **Councilor LeBlanc** touched on some conversations he had with the Mayor about crossing over of some of these commissions or meeting together.

Councilor Nolan thanked Ms. Charpentier and added that he liked the idea of the crossing interrelations with the departments and the committees. There is lot of work and conservation that they are trying to establish, a lot of new rules and regulations and a lot of old rules and regulations, conservation as opposed to cluster development in onsite sewage treatment systems. It's becoming very technical and there's a lot of concerns with neighbors throughout the city. She is a great person, have done a lot, and definitely take everything seriously. The Clean City and the Clean Energy Commission would do well to speak with her for a little bit, just to hear different perspective on where she stood. **Councilor O'Hara** thanked Ms. Charpentier especially for her comments regarding protecting the city and appreciated it. **Councilor LeBlanc** echoed what Councilors Nolan and O'Hara said and was looking forward to working with her over the next year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Linda Charpentier to the Conservation Commission, TTE 2/14/24.

Council on Aging Selma Bell TTE 2/14/24 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Ms. Bell was not present but was known to the Committee so her reappointment was put forward.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Selma Bell to the Council on Aging, TTE 2/14/24.

Council on Aging Barry McKay TTE 2/14/24 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Barry McKay to the Council on Aging, TTE 2/14/24.

Mr. McKay conveyed that the Council on Aging has been meeting remotely. They have basically seen what’s happened with covid. It has kind of laid bare what isolation and loneliness can do to people when you can’t socialize, and the need to stay remote or be remote with this type of work has really come to the forefront. He spent a good time last week reviewing their website for a project that they are working on as a group within the Council on Aging. He gave an overview of the project. **Councilor Nolan** thanked Mr. Barry and commented that the Council on Aging is very important to them. The aging people in our community are vulnerable for a lot of things right now. Loneliness but the more important one is the scams. There are a lot of scams that happen electronically and a lot of the elders do not understand how the internet works. It is very important to bring this knowledge out to the people. **Councilor O’Hara** thanked Mr. McKay for helping the seniors both in trying to sustain life through the virus and protecting them. He also thanked him for everything he has done over the years for the city. **Councilor LeBlanc** thanked Mr. McKay for a job well done, and if there is anything he needs from them just reach out, or to the Mayor’s Office, and that we always have to protect our seniors.

Council on Aging Frederick Cowan TTE 2/14/24 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Mr. Cowan conveyed that working with Mr. McKay is one of the highlights of his month. He thought they have adapted very well to the zoom meetings considering the statistically high population they work with. they had to keep the building closed to the public. The staff are there and are productive as possible and thinking remarkably creatively on how to address the issue of loneliness and isolation that so many of their members have been now enduring for up to a year. It has been tough acknowledging that they worked so hard to encourage people to come by and rely on them for socialization as well as a healthy meal and not be able to deliver as fully as they could. The measure of leadership, curiosity, interest and dedication of the members of the Council on Aging is remarkable and it is one of the most useful thing he does being a member of the Council on Aging. He is grateful to the city for the appointment. **Councilor Nolan** thanked Mr. Cowan and with the comments on the Council on Aging on what they are doing. It is tremendously important to keep the seniors in the loop and try to help them feel at home. He added that the Kelly Gallant with the Cape Ann Animal Aid has gone to nursing homes to do window visits with puppies, and suggested maybe they could do the same with seniors at their actual personal place and find a way of reaching out a little bit more during these times of covid. It is sad and very tough but the Council on Aging is doing a really good job and represent the city well. **Councilor O’Hara** added they appreciated his energy and helping our seniors. **Councilor LeBlanc** echoed what Councilor Nolan and O’Hara said.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Frederick Cowan to the Council on Aging, TTE 2/14/24.

Council on Aging Jay Gustafarro

TTE 2/14/24 (Cont. from 1/19/2021)

Mr. Gustafarro was not present but was known to the Committee so his reappointment was put forward.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Jay Gustafarro to the Council on Aging, TTE 2/14/24.

Board of Health

Robert Harris

TTE 2/14/24

Mr. Harris was not present but was known to the Committee so his reappointment was put forward.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Robert Harris to the Board of Health, TTE 2/14/24.

Community Preservation Committee

Jennifer-Lee Levitz Aronson (GHA Rep.)

TTE 2/14/24

Ms. Aronson conveyed that she is still getting up to speed on this committee. She is impressed with the work that everyone does, and the potential for what they can do at committee is really inspiring. She commented about the switch in leadership as they have come to the end of their three year term. They are losing three experienced members. The Councilors thanked Ms. Aronson.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Jennifer-Lee Levitz Aronson (GHA Rep)l to the Community Preservation Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Fisheries Commission

Michael Orlando

TTE 2/14/24

Shellfish Advisory Commission

Michael Orlando

TTE 2/14/24

The committee took up both reappointments for Michael Orlando. **Mr. Orlando** conveyed that it has been an off year like the other boards here. He is in contact with the members of the boards as much as possible. He is in contact with Pete Seminara regularly. He is excited to get back at it and keep fighting the good fight for the fisheries. **Councilor LeBlanc** commented that he had some really strong members on both commission. Soak it up and take as much as he can to carry on the tradition. It’s a dying breed and they have to keep this going or else they are just going to fall off the map and just be another small town. They appreciate everything he does for both of these commission. **Councilor Nolan** commented that he has been a tremendous asset. He is rich in history on what happens in this city with fisheries. He doesn’t consider it as a dying industry, and considers it as an industry that is looking for new motivation and spirit. He believes that he can bring that to the table. With the community involved, they can always make fishing an asset to the community and thanked him for his service. **Councilor O’Hara** thanked Mr. Orlando, and Councilor LeBlanc commented to carry on the tradition.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Michael Orlando Fisheries Commission, TTE 2/14/24.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Michael Orlando to the Shellfish Advisory Commission, TTE 2/14/24.

Historical Commission

Lillian Olmsted

TTE 2/14/24

Ms. Olmsted conveyed that they haven’t been able to meet for quite awhile. She is looking forward to it because she loves the city and the history is phenomenal. The members are just wonderful in what they are doing and she is looking forward to serving another term. **Councilor LeBlanc** commented on her passion for the commission and thanked her. **Councilor Nolan** thanked Ms. Olmsted for everything she has done before. It is a great commission and it is important to the city. **Councilor O’Hara** thanked Ms. Olmsted and appreciated her help.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Lillian Olmsted to the Historical Commission, TTE 2/14/24.

Historical Commission

Robert Whitmarsh

TTE 2/14/24

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Robert Whitmarsh to the Historical Commission, TTE 2/14/24.

Mr. Whitmarsh conveyed he is looking forward to getting back to having meetings with the Historical Commission. They have people who are engaged in what they were doing. They could use one or two more members for a full membership, but they do have an alternate so they have a quorum. The things that they are looking forward to, and the Mass Historical Commission would like to see them have more on the historical register, and they need to look into that. They also need to expand the database on the historical properties around the city. He thought they need to do more to educate the public so that they maintain the historical character of one of the most historic places around. When you live here, you kind of forget until you go somewhere else and you see what other communities look like. Gloucester is a very special place. **Councilor Nolan** thanked Mr. Whitmarsh and appreciate all his time and his mind is an asset to the community and our historical district is wonderful. **Councilor O’Hara** thanked Mr. Whitmarsh for what he does on this commission and for everything he does for the city. **Councilor LeBlanc** added it is a pleasure working with him over the past twenty years.

Human Rights Commission

Nicole Richon Schoel, LHMC

TTE 2/14/24

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Nicole Richon Schoel to the Human Rights Commission, TTE 2/14/24.

Ms. Schoel conveyed that they were just getting started. They had two meetings and were just starting to figure out a process and looking at some other models in other cities of human rights commission. It is a

great team, and she is excited about being part of it. **Councilor LeBlanc** commented that it is going to be a great commission once it is up and running and it is going to serve a great purpose for the community. We really have to get a really good blueprint of this going to set up the commission for years to come. It is going to make some headway for the community, and hopefully they can be a model for the communities around us. **Councilor Nolan** thanked Ms. Schoel and added that this is a really important commission for him. He went through a lot of information and situations to get to where they are today. He echoed what Councilor LeBlanc said regarding the blueprint for this commission. **Councilor O'Hara** appreciated her help and energy. The Mayor thanked Ms. Schoel and gave an overview of her relationship with Ms. Schoel and this commission.

Magnolia Woods Oversight & Adv. Cmte. Richard Jabba TTE 2/14/24

Councilor Nolan commented that Mr. Jabba is a great guy, and it is a strong committee that hasn't met in awhile due to covid. Even before covid, there are a lot of things they couldn't do, and they are working with Mike Hale and the state. The people that work on this committee are unbelievable, and they are dedicated to making it a great space for all to enjoy. **Mr. Jabba** conveyed that they haven't met in a while. They did have an active committee going doing a lot of work that they recommended to be done to make Magnolia Wood's access to the park area, parking lot, and getting gates put in. **Council LeBlanc** appreciated everything Mr. Jabba does on this committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Richard Jabba to the Magnolia Woods Oversight & Advisory Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Magnolia Woods Oversight & Adv. Cmte. Dave Marro TTE 2/14/24

Mr. Marro conveyed that things are going pretty well, and the committee is kind of in a waiting mode. They made an important suggestion years ago, actually, three years ago now to make the lower parking lot available. They presented to the mayor's office, talked to the ward councilor and they are still waiting. It seems like there's no point in having another meeting if the suggestion they made the last time didn't get acted upon so well. He is also a member of the Cape Ann Trail Stewards and the vice president for Gloucester, Nick Holland, has been working with Mike Hale to see if he can move this forward from that point of view. It's a great team, and they were having good meetings, talking about all sorts of improvements and excitements for the Magnolia Woods. This culvert thing has hugely increased the number of people on the trails in Magnolia Woods, and feels that if they had accomplished that parking lot accessibility issue, they would have it packed. **Councilor Nolan** commented that Mr. Marro has done a fantastic job. He was sad to inform them that they haven't gotten the gate yet, and he brings this up probably every six months. **Councilor Nolan** added that he believes that they are losing an opportunity for cross country skiing or snowshoeing for use of a great open space. There are some concerns with the state on how this is going to happen but they have worked with Mike Hale and are trying to get someone to respond to it. There are some issues with the state and the DEP on where the post would go and the membrane, but it is definitely a treasure that the whole city could be using year round with the gates being added. It is an awesome committee, and he felt bad that they have been sidelined by some of the restrictions. He also would like to get some answers from the state and would appreciate any assistance from any other councilor on this matter. **Councilor O'Hara** added that he will gladly help to push this along and that they owe it to this group to provide answers. He thanked Mr. Marro for his energy and willingness to continue to move forward.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Dave Marro to the Magnolia Woods Oversight & Advisory Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Magnolia Woods Oversight & Adv. Cmte.

Dean Sidell

TTE 2/14/24

Mr. Sidell conveyed that he has been part of the committee on behalf of the Fisherman Youth Soccer and Cape Ann United. As Councilor Nolan mentioned that it really is a gem and it could be better, and that really is the goal of the committee. Mr. Marro has done a great job connecting up the trails group and just expanding the use of the place. There is just so much more that they could do with a little bit more cooperation from everybody just in ways that they can move even in small steps down that road. **Councilor**

Nolan added that Mr. Sidell has spent countless hours of work with the youth soccer programs and trying to find solutions for geese defecation on the fields, to keep unwanted pets and unruly guests out of there. He's always been a positive influence to trying to find solutions like everybody else on the committee and never a hindrance or a problem. Always just looking for solutions. **Councilors O'Hara and LeBlanc** thanked Mr. Sidell for his energy and appreciated everything he does.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Dean Sidell to the Magnolia Woods Oversight & Advisory Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Open Space & Recreation Committee

Noel Mann

TTE 2/14/24

Ms. Mann conveyed that things are going imperfectly but they soldier on. The committee thanked Ms. Noel and appreciated everything she does.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Noel Mann to the Open Space & Recreation Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Open Space & Recreation Committee

Heidi Wakeman

TTE 2/14/24

Ms. Wakeman conveyed that she is excited this evening about hearing that the commissions wanting to work together. She felt like that with the Open Space and Recreation Committee there is a lot of room for communication starting there and then moving forward. The committee has been a bit passive and look forward to some new energy. They have a couple of new members and new opportunities to help talk about and preserve open space and recreation for all of the Gloucester and that is really important. She is the Chair of the committee and the also the representative of the Community Preservation Committee. She added that the Grants Administrator, Jaimie Corliss, is an amazing asset to their committee and the city. **Councilor LeBlanc** agreed with her. **Councilor Nolan** thanked her for her services and encouraged her to reach out to other committees. They would like to see this happen more because there are a lot of committees that work together if it works with the same type of results. He advised her to reach out to any councilor or any other committee member, bring up ideas and make things happen. **Councilor LeBlanc** echoed what Councilor Nolan said. **Councilor O'Hara** appreciated her efforts. The **Mayor** added that the city council brought forward a special act to the state legislators to amend the charter so that a member can be appointed to two multiple bodies and they do not have to be interrelated to be appointed to a board, committee or commission. The City Clerk informed the committee and the Mayor that the special act did pass and was signed by the Governor. The Mayor also touched briefly on the criteria to be appointed, and not to be discouraged if some of the boards, committees and commission are not meeting as they are still in a pandemic. **Ms. Wakeman** gave her thoughts on what boards need representatives on the Community Preservation Committee. Also, her thoughts to be able to reach out to other boards to see how they can work together. The Mayor recounted how the chairs of the city boards, commissions and committees got together with the a former Mayor and council

and they would interact. She is working with Councilor LeBlanc trying to figure out how they can do this during covid.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Heidi Wakeman to the Open Space & Recreation Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Stage Fort Park Adv. Cmte.	David Benjamin	TTE 2/14/24
Stage Fort Park Adv. Cmte.	David Dow	TTE 2/14/24

The committee took up these two reappointments at the same time. **Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Dow** conveyed that things are going well. They finally received the money for the design stage, and Mr. Hale is about to get the contract for the designers and things are moving forward and getting work done on the cannons. **Councilor Nolan** directed his comments to Mr. Benjamin, Mr. Dow and Mr. Giesel and said it is an excellent committee and they have worked hard. It is exciting to see the cannons and appreciated the video sent by Mr. Dow. He thanked Mr. Benjamin for his work with the Gentile Bandstand and working wholeheartedly on every inch of the park. He thanked Mr. Giesel for everything he has done on the committee. **Councilor O’Hara** thanked them and appreciated their time and efforts. **Councilor LeBlanc** added that actually everyone on the committee is doing a great job. Stage Fort Park is one of our crown jewels, and he is excited and looking forward to the 400th.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint David Benjamin to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Stage Fort Park Adv. Cmte.	David Dow	TTE 2/14/24
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint David Dow to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Stage Fort Park Adv. Cmte.	Frederick Geisel	TTE 2/14/24
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Councilors LeBlanc and O’Hara thanked Mr. Geisel for being on this committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council reappoint Frederick Geisel to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee, TTE 2/14/24.

Stage Fort Park Adv. Cmte.	Steve Kaity	TTE 2/14/24
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Mr. Kaity was not present but was known to the Committee so his reappointment was put forward.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to appoint Steve Kaity to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/24.

**Tourism Commission

Craig Anderson

TTE 2/14/24

Mr. Anderson's reappointment was put through to the Tourism Commission on the Mayor's Report in error. His reappointment is to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee. **Councilor Nolan** thanked Mr. Anderson for what he does. He knows he is busy with school and trying to figure out his future, but they appreciate everything he does for the committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to appoint Craig Anderson to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/24.

Tourism Commission

Jennifer Goulart-Amero

TTE 2/14/24

This matter is continued until March 1, 2021.

1. CC#2020-014 (Nolan): Request that the State Legislators file a Home Rule Petition regarding raising parking fines pursuant to Sec. 20A ½ of Chapter 90 of the General Laws (Cont. from 1/4/2021)

This matter is continued to March 1, 2021.

2. O&A Committee discussion regarding amending Council Rules of Procedure re: ZOOM meetings (Cont. from 01/04/21)

Councilor LeBlanc presented and reviewed each section of the draft recommendation to amend the city council rules of procedures regarding remote meetings. He noted that they are in new territory and have been having remote meetings for almost a year. He added that this is basically a blueprint on how to function as a council with a quorum if the council president, council vice president or any other councilors are disconnected from the meeting due to technical difficulties. **Councilor LeBlanc** asked the City Clerk the what maximum capacity is for the "zoom" license for panelists and attendees to log into a meeting. Ms. Senos replied she thought it was 300 and would confirm with the IT Dept. He also added that General Counsel has reviewed the language, and requested the City Clerk to forward this recommendation to the full city council before the next city council meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 oppose to recommend to the City Council to AMEND the Council Rules of Procedure 2018 "Rule 1: Meetings" Section E "Remote Participation at City Council and Standing Committee meetings" by ADDING the following:

DRAFT - City Council

Rules of Procedure for Participation in Remote Meetings

On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker declared a statewide emergency and implemented certain restrictions to combat the spread of Covid-19. The emergency measures required, among other things, the discontinuation of all in-person meetings. As a result, the City Council began to hold remote meetings using a video conferencing platform. The use of such a video conferencing platform may continue well into the future. Accordingly, the City Council has created the following rules to govern attendance at its meetings that are held using video conferencing platforms.

1. If the City Council president is unable to access a City Council meeting held via a video conferencing platform for whatever reason then the City Council vice president shall continue to run the meeting unless and until the president returns to the meeting.

2. If the City Council president and vice president are both unable to access a City Council meeting held via a video conferencing platform for whatever reason then the City councilor with the most seniority on the Council shall continue to run the meeting unless and until the president or the vice president returns to the meeting provided there is still a quorum of the City Council.
3. If the City Council president, vice president and councilor with the most seniority are unable to access a City Council meeting held via a video conferencing platform for whatever reason then the meeting shall immediately adjourn to be re-scheduled at a later date.
4. If the City Clerk is unable to access a City Council meeting held via a video conferencing platform for whatever reason then the meeting shall continue provided there is still a quorum of the City Council.
5. If one or more City councilors are unable to access a City Council meeting held via a video conferencing platform for whatever reason then then the meeting shall continue provided that there is still a quorum and those councilors who were unable to access the meeting, should they return to the meeting, shall not vote on the matter being considered at the time they lost access. The chair of meeting may, at his discretion, call for a five (5) minute recess to wait for the councilor(s) to return.

A motion was made, seconded and voted by ROLL CALL to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Senos
City Clerk