

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Capt. Salvatore Novello to the Fisheries Commission, TTE 02/14/25.

2. Boards, Committees and Commission Appointments & Reappointments

New Appointments

Affordable Housing Trust

Heather Dagle

TTE 2/14/24

Summary of Discussion: Ms. Dagle stated that she was a real estate agent and stated diversity within the City was important to maintain.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Ms. Dagle** for her willingness to serve.

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Community Preservation Committee

Mark Poulin (Open Space & Recreation Cmt. Rep)

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Poulin stated he was currently on the Open Space & Recreation Committee and was looking forward to this new appointment.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Mr. Poulin** for his willingness to serve.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Mark Poulin (Open Space & Recreation Cmt. Rep) to the Community Preservation Committee, TTE 02/14/25.

Fisheries Commission

Sam Parisi

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Parisi stated he had been a fisherman for his whole life and had been very active in the fishing industry. He stated his purpose was to help fishermen in the City and at other fishing ports as well, and hoped to help the fishing industry by being proactive instead of reactive.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Mr. Parisi** for his willingness to serve.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Sam Parisi to the Fisheries Commission, TTE 02/14/25.

Waterways Board

Peter Feinstein

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: Mr. Feinstein stated that he had lived in Cape Ann since 1983 and has lived in the City for approximately 15 years. He stated he had been a former member of the Harbor Economic Development Committee and was a trustee for the Sawyer Free Library. He stated he was looking forward to serving on the Waterways Board.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Mr. Feinstein** for his continued service. **Councilor Worthley** stated he had read **Mr. Feinstein's** resume' and asked **Mr. Feinstein** if he could forward him a copy of the list of the 300 companies that he had previously identified as being suitable for the City's DPA [Designated Port Area] restrictions when he was previously on the Harbor Economic Development Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Peter Feinstein to the Waterways Board, TTE 02/14/25.

Waterways Board

John Harvey (fulfilling unexpired term)

TTE 2/14/23

Summary of Discussion: **Mr. Harvey** stated he had been in the marine construction industry for the last twenty years with experience in both waterways infrastructure and waterways management. He stated he oversaw a dredging project for the Annisquam River for the Army Corps of Engineers.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Mr. Harvey** for his willingness to serve. **Councilor Worthley** stated that **Mr. Harvey** was uniquely qualified for the Waterways Board.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint John Harvey (fulfilling unexpired term) to the Waterways Board, TTE 02/14/23.

ZBA

James Gigliotti (alternate to full member)

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: **Mr. Gigliotti** was not in attendance. His appointment was continued until the February 28, 2022, O&A meeting.

Reappointments

Archives Committee

Susan Roberts-Wright

TTE 2/15/25

Summary of Discussion: **Ms. Roberts-Wright** stated she was excited to serve on the Archives Committee for another term.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Ms. Roberts-Wright** for her continued service.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Susan Roberts-Wright to the Archives Committee, TTE 02/15/25.

Board of Health

Joe Rosa

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: **Mr. Rosa** stated he had been a member of the Board of Health for a few years and was currently the Chair. He stated he was also a member of the Gloucester Education Foundation, as well as GMGI [Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute].

Councilor Worthley stated that the Board of Health members were appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council and asked **Mr. Rosa** where all local Boards of Health within the state got their authority. **Mr. Rosa** confirmed that their authority came from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Mr. Rosa** for his continued service and dedication. **Mayor Verga** also thanked **Mr. Rosa** for his continued service.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Joe Rosa to the Board of Health, TTE 02/14/25.

City-Owned Cemeteries Advisory Committee Augustave M. Sabia

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: **Mr. Sabia** stated he was the managing Funeral Director of the Campbell Funeral Homes in both Beverly and Gloucester. He stated he was passionate about the City’s history and was looking forward to his continued service on the City-Owned Cemeteries Advisory Committee.

Councilor O’Hara stated the City’s cemeteries were historic and appreciated the work of this committee. The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Mr. Sabia** for his continued service.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Augustave M. Sabia to the City-Owned Cemeteries Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/25.

Clean Energy Commission

Debra Darby

TTE 2/14/24

Summary of Discussion: **Ms. Darby** was not in attendance; her reappointment was moved forward as she was known to the **Members of the O&A Committee**.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Debra Darby to the Clean Energy Commission, TTE 2/14/24.

Clean Energy Commission

Candace Wheeler

TTE 2/14/24

Summary of Discussion: **Ms. Wheeler** was not in attendance; her reappointment was moved forward as she was known to the **Members of the O&A Committee**. The **CAO, Jill Cahill** stated **Ms. Wheeler** had confirmed with the **Planning Director** that she wanted to move forward with her reappointment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Candace Wheeler to the Clean Energy Commission, TTE 02/14/24.

Community Preservation Committee

William Cuff

TTE 2/15/25

Summary of Discussion: **Mr. Cuff** stated that he had lived in the City for ten years and was looking forward to his next term on the Community Preservation Committee. He thanked the **Members of the City Council** and stated he appreciated their hard work.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Mr. Cuff** for his continued service.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint William Cuff to the Community Preservation Committee, TTE 02/14/25.

Council on Aging

Rosalie Nicastro

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: **Ms. Nicastro** was not in attendance; her reappointment was moved forward as she was known to the **Members of the O&A Committee**. **Mayor Verga** thanked the O&A Committee for moving **Ms. Nicastro’s** appointment forward and stated there was still a vacancy on the Council on Aging.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Rosalie Nicastro to the Council on Aging, TTE 02/14/25.

Dogtown Preservation Commission

Richard Quateman

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: **Mr. Quateman** stated that he had been in the environmental field for over 45 years and had been on the original Dogtown Committee. He stated that it would be an honor to continue serving on this Commission. He added that he served as liaison to the Open Space & Recreation Committee.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Mr. Quateman** for his willingness to continue to serve.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Richard Quateman to the Dogtown Preservation Commission, TTE 02/14/25.

Gloucester Cultural Council

Karen Koretsky

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: **Ms. Koretsky** stated that she moved to the City in 2019 and previously served two terms on Arlington’s Cultural Council. She stated that she also taught art as a healing modality to grieving children and refugees from South Sudan. She stated her career had been based on facilitating creative expression and using it as a healing modality whenever possible. She stated that it would be her honor to continue to serve on the Gloucester Cultural Council.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Ms. Koretsky** for her willingness to continue to serve.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Karen Koretsky to the Gloucester Cultural Council, TTE 02/14/25.

Gloucester Cultural Council

Elizabeth Neumeier

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: Ms. Neumeier stated that she had lived in the City since 1993 and had served as President of the Board for the Gloucester Stage Company for twelve years. She stated that she was the Chair of the Gloucester Cultural Council and was looking forward to serving another term.

The Members of the O&A Committee thanked Ms. Neumeier for her continued willingness to serve.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Elizabeth Neumeier to the Gloucester Cultural Council, TTE 02/14/25.

Historic District Commission

Barbara Lambert (alternate member)

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: Ms. Lambert was not in attendance; her reappointment was moved forward as she was known to the Members of the O&A Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Barbara Lambert (alternate member) to the Historic District Commission, TTE 02/14/25.

Human Rights Commission

Michea McCaffrey

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: Ms. McCaffrey was not in attendance; her reappointment was moved forward as she was known to the Members of the O&A Committee. Councilor Nolan stated he recalled Ms. McCaffrey's passion for the Human Rights Commission at her previous appointment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Michea McCaffrey to the Human Rights Commission, TTE 02/14/25.

Shellfish Advisory Commission

Ann-Jo Jackson (Conservation Commission Rep.)

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: Ms. Jackson was not in attendance; her reappointment was moved forward as she was known to the Members of the O&A Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Ann-Jo Jackson (Conservation Commission Rep.) to the Shellfish Advisory Commission, TTE 02/14/25.

Shellfish Advisory Commission

Francena Monell-Simard

TTE 2/14/25

Summary of Discussion: Ms. Monell-Simard stated that she had been on the Shellfish Advisory Commission for approximately three years and has enjoyed watching and working with the Shellfish Constables and clammers. She stated she was retired from NOAA Fisheries and was now a recreational clammer.

The Members of the O&A Committee thanked Ms. Monell-Simard for her continued willingness to serve.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Francena Monell-Simard to the Shellfish Advisory Commission, TTE 02/14/25.

By the will of the O&A Committee, a brief recess was taken at **7:10 p.m.** The O&A Committee reconvened at **7:13 p.m.**

- 3. CC#2021-021 (LeBlanc): Request that the Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee review Chapter 21 “Streets, sidewalks and public places,” Article III “Excavations” (Cont. from 1/31/22)*

Summary of Discussion: Councilor Nolan stated that the **Public Works Director** was working on language for this matter. Councilor Nolan also stated that he would be the co-sponsor on this matter.

The **City Clerk, Joanne Senos** explained that **Councilor Nolan** could be the co-sponsor for this matter as former Councilor LeBlanc was not in office anymore.

This matter was continued until the March 14, 2022, O&A Committee meeting.

- 4. CC#2022-003 (O’Hara): Amend GCO Ch. 21 “Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places,” Sec. 21-19 “Removal of snow from sidewalks” and Sec. 21-20 “Removal or covering of ice from sidewalks” by ADDING “Homeowners above the age of 60 years old shall be exempt.” (Cont. from 1/31/22)*

Summary of Discussion: The **CAO** stated that the Administration met with the **Public Works Director**, the **Police Chief**, **Fire Chief**, **Building Inspector** and the **IT Director** regarding this matter. She stated that the **Police Chief** stated that no record of any citations had been issued in any of their records and the **Building Inspector** stated no fines had been issued in the last five years. She explained that the current ordinance also did not define what the penalty would be and stated it was unenforceable. She further stated that it was believed that it was the sense of community and safety that motivated residents to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks surrounding their property, and not the ordinance itself. Due to these reasons, she stated the Administration could not support the Council Order, but that the Administration agreed with the spirit of the matter and that the Mayor had challenged the team to come to a solution.

The **CAO** stated a couple of solutions offered included a public awareness campaign about the safety issues related to removing snow, particularly with the safety of children walking to school. She also stated that the **IT Director** had found a community program in Iowa that connected seniors or people with disabilities through technology with community volunteers or groups who were willing to pitch in and help with snow removal.

Mayor Verga stated that adding an age bracket would make the ordinance even less enforceable. He stated the Administration could not support the Council Order but wanted to work with the City Council and other departments to try to come to a solution.

Councilor O’Hara stated that he would reach out to the constituent who had contacted him who had stated that a letter had been received from the **Building Inspector** threatening a fine if snow was not removed from the sidewalk. He stated he had spoken to other seniors who worry constantly about this matter. He further stated that snow removal was a serious issue and that the issue should not be disregarded. **Mayor Verga** stated that the Administration was ready to move forward to work with the City Council and departments in a logical, phased approach to come to a resolution. **Councilor Worthley** asked **Councilor O’Hara** to explain what he thought the plan should be for snow removal. **Councilor O’Hara** stated that

the ordinance needed to be amended to be an enforceable ordinance and that a plan to fund the cost of snow removal should be considered. **Councilor O'Hara** stated he appreciated everyone's understanding and willingness to work together. **Councilor Nolan** thanked the Administration for their willingness to work collaboratively on this matter.

This matter was continued until the March 14, 2022, O&A Committee meeting.

5. City Council Civility Resolution (Referred back to O&A and Human Rights Commission) (Cont. from 1/31/22)

Summary of Discussion: This matter was continued to the February 28, 2022, O&A meeting.

6. CC#2022-004 (Gilman/Nolan/Memhard): Ordered that the City Council audit and amend the GCO to be consistent with new resident parking regulations adopted by the City Council on May 25, 2021

Summary of Discussion: **Councilor Nolan** stated that the Administration had been working on this matter with the Department of Public Works. **Mayor Verga** stated that there was signage that was inconsistent with the actual parking ordinances. The **CAO** stated that **General Counsel** was working on a project related to all parking ordinances and stated that she would reach out to the **General Counsel** regarding this Council Order. **Councilor Nolan** asked that all councilors familiarize themselves with the ordinances and reach out to him with any inconsistencies. The **City Clerk** stated Ch. 22 was where the ordinances relating to this matter could be found.

This matter was continued until the April 4, 2022, O&A meeting.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by Sherry Karvelas, Clerk of Committees

Documents submitted at the meeting: None.

Meeting Recording: <http://gloucester-ma.gov/1097/Past-Remote-Public-Meetings>