

Ordinances & Administration Committee
Monday, April 3, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
1st Fl. Council Committee Room – City Hall
-Minutes-

Present: Chair, Councilor Steve LeBlanc; Vice Chair, Councilor Jamie O’Hara; Councilor Nolan

Absent: None.

Also Present: Jim Destino

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. *Appointments and Reappointments*

A. Management Appointment

Community Development Director

Daniel Smith

TTE 02/14/18

Jim Destino, CAO, advised that Mr. Smith has received a job offer in Washington, DC which he has accepted, and that the Administration will be putting a call out to fill that position shortly. He requested the Committee allow for the withdrawal of Mr. Smith’s appointment as Community Development Director.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to permit the withdrawal of Mr. Smith’s appointment as Community Development Director.

B. *Appointment to Board, Committee, Commission or Council:*

Animal Advisory Committee

Jodie Swenson; Jennifer Schmorrow; Jennifer
Jackman; Beth Klinefelter; Alicia Parsons

TTE 02/14/20

Ms. Swenson said she is a wildlife rehabilitator for over 10 years and wants to help the city. **Councilor LeBlanc** said he was impressed with Ms. Swenson’s qualifications as well as all the appointees to this committee. He noted that this committee was developed to deal with issues concerning wild and domestic animals in the city. He pointed out the new committee has the support of the Council and the Administration, and the members will be working with the city’s Animal Control Officers, the Health Department, and other boards, committees and staff.

Councilor Nolan said he knows Ms. Swenson and that she takes in birds and owls and will be an asset to the committee. He reiterated that the new committee is about all animals, and committee will seek solutions to many different kinds of issues that arise. He noted there are hunters in the city and that there are some trapping matters associated with that activity and urged that the committee represents the city as a whole and see both sides of any issue with an open mind.

Councilor O’Hara offered his thanks to Ms. Swenson and to all the appointees to the Animal Advisory Committee who have stepped forward to volunteer.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Jodie Swenson to the Animal Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

Ms. Schmorrow said she was pleased to serve on the committee and although a dog owner, she realizes that there is a need for all animals to co-exist with humans in a peaceful and respectful manner.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Jennifer Schmorrow to the Animal Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

Ms. Jackman said she is passionate about animals, wild and domestic, noting her background in public policy, research as well as worked on animal issues. She noted she just moved to the city and looked forward to making a contribution to her new community. **Councilor LeBlanc** reminded all the Animal Advisory Committee members

that there may be times when they'll be asked to make a site visit to view an area of concern in the city. **Councilor Nolan** said he was impressed with Ms. Jackman's background.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Jennifer Jackman to the Animal Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

Ms. Klinefelter said she's lived in Gloucester for five years, coming here because of her whale research, and noted her background in wildlife/nature education, facilitating awareness for different wildlife species and has public engagement background. She said she likes to create positive solutions for both sides of issues.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Beth Klinefelter to the Animal Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

Ms. Pensaros said she's lived in Gloucester for 8 years highlighting has a strong marketing, and research background and loves animal, and is thinking of returning to school for animal policy.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend to appoint Alicia Pensaros to the Animal Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

Archives Committee

Juanita Rivera Melanson

TTE 02/14/20

Ms. Rivera Melanson said she's lived in the city since 1997 and was looking for something to do to give back to it. She said her background is as a school teacher in history and language arts. She pointed out that the city has historical relevancy that needs to be protected, and that she has an interest in how things are held and disposed of. **Councilor LeBlanc** lauded the city's Archives Committee. **Ms. Rivera Melanson** said she understood the limitations City Hall has in holding documentation due to space constraints but that some documents need to be preserved under certain conditions.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Juanita Rivera Melanson to the Archives Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Robert McGillvray

TTE 02/14/20

Mr. McGillvray said he will do as much as he can to help the citizens of Gloucester.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Robert McGillvray to the Cable TV Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

Clean City Commission

Zackary Thomas

TTE 02/14/20

Mr. Thomas' appointment was continued to May 1, 2017.

Capital Improvement Advisory Bd. Robert Alves

TTE 02/14/20

Councilor LeBlanc said he reached out the Mayor's Office and decided he didn't wish to serve on the Capital Improvements Advisory Board and asked that his name be removed from consideration for appointment.

This matter is closed.

Downtown Development Commission

Walt Kolenda

TTE 02/14/20

Mr. Kolenda said he has a storefront downtown and was impressed by the energy of the DDC. He said he could bring ideas from the community to the Commission. **Councilor LeBlanc** asked **Joseph Giacalone**, DDC member, said that Mr. Kolenda wasn't aware of the DDC and learned through discussions with him that Mr. Kolenda had great ideas and was enthusiastic, a good fit for the DDC. **Councilor Nolan** said he's known Mr. Kolenda for four years and knew him to be energetic and that he'll be a good addition to the DDC.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Walt Kolenda to the Downtown Development Commission, TTE 02/14/20.

Fisheries Commission Joseph B. Jurek (Con't from 03/06/17) TTE 02/14/20
David Leveille

Mr. Jurek's appointment is continued to May 1, 2017.

Mr. Leveille said he was a fisherman right out of high school as a deckhand and then became a captain and had his own boat. He noted 1996 during the government boat buyback he sold his boat, and went back to school and went to work for Gloucester Engineering. He said he is a fisheries manager for sectors now. He said he knows all the fishermen, and by serving on the Commission it would be a good way to serve the community and to help to be an agent of change. He added that the fishing industry is coming back, albeit slowly, but it is returning. **Councilor Nolan** added his endorsement of Mr. Leveille's appointment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend to appoint David Leveille to the Fisheries Commission (Alternate), TTE 02/14/20.

Waterways Board Russell Sherman TTE 02/14/20

Mr. Sherman's appointment is continued to May 1, 2017.

C. Boards, Committees, Commissions & Councils Reappointments

Fisheries Commission Paul Vitale (Cont'd from 01/03/17) TTE 02/14/20

Note: Mr. Vitale is now past his 90-day temporary appointment. He said he was unable to make this meeting as he was working at sea. **Councilor LeBlanc** said Mr. Vitale has been a member of the Commission for some time, and the Committee unanimously agreed to move his reappointment forward.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend to appoint Paul Vitale to the Fisheries Commission, TTE 02/14/20.

Open Space & Recreation Comm. Charles Crowley, Susan Hedman* (Cont'd from 03/06) TTE 02/14/20

Mr. Crowley said he is on the Committee because he's been an avid mountain biker for the past 25 years, but that by way of background he is and was a manager of a 38,000 acre ranch with \$500,000 in stewardship funds. He said he understood that the primary purpose of the Open Space & Recreation Committee is to create the Open Space & Recreation Plan every six years. He said through that plan it has allowed the city to obtain grants for Newell Stadium's and Burnham's Field's renovation and revitalization.

Councilor LeBlanc and **Mr. Crowley** briefly discussed the issue of public access to publicly held properties and the difficulties in creating points of access.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Charles Crowley to the Open Space & Recreation Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

***Note:** Susan Hedman has submitted her resignation from the Open Space & Recreation Committee through the Mayor.

Tourism Commission

Catherine Ryan

TTE 02/14/20

Ms. Ryan's reappointment was continued to May 1, 2017.

2. *CC2017-008 (Nolan) Request Traffic Commission perform speed study on Sumner Street to determine whether there should be a speed limit of 20 mph and whether the City Council should petition MassDOT to approve said speed limit (Cont'd from 03/06/17)*

This matter awaits Traffic Commission recommendation.

This matter is continued to May 1, 2017.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.