

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 31, 2023

3:00pm

Councilor Paula Schnepf
Councilor Tracy Shaughnessy
Councilor Jeffery Mendes
Councilor Gordon Starr
Councilor Nikolas Atsalis

MEETING MINUTES

Town Council Administrator, Cynthia A. Lovell, opened the meeting via Zoom link at 3:05pm, Roll Call was taken

In attendance: Councilor Paula Schnepf; Councilor Gordon Starr; Councilor Tracy Shaughnessy ; Councilor Jeffrey Mendes; Councilor Nikolas Atsalis

Town Council Administrator made the announcement that the Committee members were all meeting remote using the Zoom link provided to the Public and the Committee members

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Town Council Administrator asked for any Public Comment, seeing no one on the Zoom screen or by phone Town Council Administrator closed Public Comment.

Town Council Administrator asked the Committee members for their nominations for Chair of the Appointments Committee.

Councilor Paula Schnepf asked that we wait for the other members to join before nominations are put forward.

Committee members present discussed the future dates for the Appointments Committee, Town Council Administrator explained that currently the Appointments Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month, however this delays the process of recommendations to the Full Council as the Full Council meets on the first and third Thursday. Committee members agreed to move the Appointments Committee meeting to the second Tuesday of every month so the recommendations can be placed on the Town Council Agenda in a timely manner.

Administrator for the Town Council asked for nominations for Chair of the Appointments Committee

Councilor Tracy Shaughnessy nominated Councilor Paula Schnepf; this was seconded by Councilor Atsalis.

There being no other nominations, Administrator to the Town Council took a Roll Call vote.

Councilor Gordon Starr	Yes
Councilor Tracy Shaughnessy	Yes
Councilor Jeffrey Mendes	Yes
Councilor Nikolas Atsalis	Yes
Councilor Paula Schnepf	Yes

Administrator to the Town Council turned the meeting over to the Chair of the Committee Councilor Paula Schnepf.

Chair of the Committee discussed the meeting date change with Councilor Mendes and Councilor Nikolas Atsalis, and they both agreed with the other members as being a day that works for all members, the time was also discussed with the members of the Committee, and all agreed that 4:00pm start time is best for all.

Chair of the Committee asked about future vacancies that are currently posted on the Town Council web page and asked if there were any applicants for the next meeting scheduled for February 14, 2023.

Town Council Administrator went over the applications pending for the Committee members for the February 14, 2023 meeting.

Councilor Mendes would like to know which Committees are not receiving applications, so that recruitment can happen for those Committees to get full membership. The vacancies are listed on the Town Council web page under the following link:

<https://tobweb.town.barnstable.ma.us/boardscommittees/towncouncil/Committee-Vacancies.asp>

Councilor Atsalis asked when the Appointments are made, and if they are made at the end of the Appointments Committee meeting. Chair of the Committee answered typically, unless there are more than one applicant for an open position, and in the past they have discussed further and then made the recommendation to the full Council.

Chair of Committee asked for a list of all the members that will be expiring in June of 2023 so the Committee members can get a view of how many reappointments will be considered. Town Council Administrator will put that list together and circulate it to the Committee.

Chair of Committee asked if there were more candidates that openings for any of the upcoming interviews, Administrator Lovell stated the only one that currently has more applicant than vacancies is the Recreation Commission. There are two applicants and 1 vacancy.

Chair of Committee asked The Appointments Committee members if there were specific questions that should be asked to candidates as they apply. Councilor Shaughnessy mentioned that the prior Appointments Committee members had decided on the following questions but can be changed if needed.

1. What do you feel makes a community successful?
2. Why do you believe your perspective will be beneficial to this Committee?
3. How do you define consensus and how do we get there?

Chair of the Committee asked the members to look at the questions and see if there may be any others, or if there are suggestions for any of them to change. Committee members will think about the questions and come back with changes if needed.

Not seeing any other questions or concerns, Chair of the Committee asked for a motion to Adjourn, Councilor Jeffrey Mendes made the motion to Adjourn, this was seconded by Councilor Starr

Administrator to the Town Council took a Roll Call vote:

Councilor Gordon Starr	Yes
Councilor Jeffrey Mendes	Yes
Councilor Paula Schnepf	Yes
Councilor Tracy Shaughnessy	Yes
Councilor Nikolas Atsalis	Yes

Adjourn: 5:05pm