

Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2022
7:00PM

Via Zoom Conference Call <https://zoom.us/j/87454124171>

Present: Gregory Hutchins, Hart Millett, and Fang Yang

Absent: None

Virtual Meeting Coordinator: Fang Yang

1. Opening

Chair Hutchins opened the meeting at 7:03PM

2. Regular Business

- A. Update on Committee Openings/Appointments - Chair Hutchins updated committee applications and appointments.
- B. Public Comments/citizens concerns - None.
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the VCC’s meeting on September 08, 2022 were reviewed. Mr. Hutchins moved to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:
Mr. Hutchins – aye; Mr. Millett – aye; and Mr. Yang – aye.
- D. Next Meeting – October 20, 2022.

3. New/Special Business

Discussion on Application by Zhengyu Huang for Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Dr. Huang got the message about the opening in TAC from local Chinese community. He has been looking for opportunities to serve the town for a while. This opening in TAC is inline with his interest for side walking and biking. He contacted Franny Osman. She is interested in his joining. He attended a few TAC meetings, and then was invited to apply.
- Dr. Huang is an active runner and biker. He runs Brace Freeman trail every week.
- Dr. Huang works for Thermoflow, Inc., a software engineer designing software for power plant.
- Dr. Huang has Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering in Penn State University.
- Dr. Huang indicated that he could attend future TAC meetings regularly.
- Dr. Huang reported no conflict of interest.

Mr. Yang moved to forward Zhengyu Huang’s name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a member of the TAC. Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

Mr. Yang – aye; Mr. Millett – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by Ken Appel for Land Stewardship Committee (LSC)

- Mr. Appel is applying for land steward for the Kayak Launching at Powder Mill Road, and the Assabet River Blue Green Trail between Acton and Maynard. Bettina mentioned him the opening of the Land Steward.
- Mr. Appel is retired in 2019. He was directing marketing, business development, corporate development, and acquisition, basically a technical field in aerospace and pharmaceutical. He is a Chemist before that.
- Mr. Appel is a land steward for the Sudbury Valley Trustees, and worked with Maynard to maintained tails. He also worked several projects with Acton Conservation Trust.
- Mr. Appel attended two LSC meetings and indicated that he could attend future LSC meetings regularly.
- Mr. Appel reported no conflict of interest.

Mr. Millett moved to forward Ken Appel's name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as an associate member of the LSC. Mr. Yang seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll: Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by Makena Muindi for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (DEIC)

- Ms. Muindi was a student member of DEIC from 9/2020-spring 2021 when she was a senior in ABRHS. When she started college, she decided to take time off the DEIC in case she could not fulfill the commitment. Now she is a sophomore, she know that she has time and can make commitment to the committee.
- Ms. Muindi is a student in American University majoring international relations in DC. Her family still lives in Acton and she comes back often. She was a Black Student Union leader in ABRHS, and is an executive of the Africa American Union in American University.
- Ms. Muindi indicated that she could attend future meetings regularly.
- Ms. Muindi reported no conflict of interest.

Mr. Millett moved to forward Makena Muindi's name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a member of the DEIC. Mr. Yang seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by Chelsea Reinhold for A-B Cultural Council (ABCC)

- Mrs. Reinhold did not show up for interview.

Discussion on Application by Suravi Bhatia for DEIC

- Ms. Bhatia is passionate about social justice. She has talked to David Martin. She thinks that she will give some different perspectives from previous student members. She think that it is important in school to keep conversation open for all parties.
- Ms. Bhatia is a freshman at ABRHS. She is a member of AB cross country team.

- Ms. Bhatia has attended DEIC's July meeting and indicated that she could attend future meetings regularly.
- Ms. Bhatia reported no conflict of interest.

Hart was questioning if a 14 years old student member in DEIC have the right to vote in the committee. No one in VCC knew about this.

Mr. Yang moved to forward Suravi Bhatia's name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a student member of the DEIC. Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll: Mr. Yang – aye; Mr. Millett – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

4. Adjournment

At 9:05 PM

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hutchins called roll: Mr. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of September 08, 2022.
- Volunteer Application by Zhengyu Huang.
- Volunteer Application by Ken Appel.
- Volunteer Application by Makena Muindi.
- Volunteer Application by Suravi Bhatia.
- Volunteer Application by Chelsea Reinhold.