

Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2023

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 7:09PM

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 April 06, 2023 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 – TBD

3. New/Special Business

Discussion on Application by Zayd Dhasthageer for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (DEIC)

- Mr. Dhasthageer has volunteered, such as fundraising, in the mosque where his father is on the board, and other mosques around Massachusetts. He felt that his experience could help others if he was on the board (DEIC).
- Mr. Dhasthageer reported that he has no conflict of interest.
- Mr. Dhasthageer has attended one DEIC meeting and will be able to attend future meetings regularly.

Mr. Yang moved to forward Zayd Dhasthageer’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. Millett – aye; Mr. Yang – aye; and Mr. Hutchins – aye.

Discussion on Application by Ron Beck for Planning Board (PB)

- Mr. Beck was a member of the WRAC. One of the reason that he stepped down was that he has served for a long time and that he wanted to give other people the chance to take it forward. Then he felt he missed participating in the town. PB is the logical thing to do because he feels we need to cross-check aquifer recharge areas with the zoning rule. He believed that it would be even more important in the future because

the use of land related to the recharge of the water into the town's water supply. He thought the understanding of that might help and add informed perspective.

- Mr. Beck has lived in Acton for 25 year. He has also lived in Carlisle and Bedford before.
- Mr. Beck sometimes goes to the Select Board meetings and sometimes listens to meetings recorded. He also talks to a lot of people in town from different interest groups.
- Mr. Beck reported that he attended PB meetings in the past, and would be able to attend future meetings regularly.
- Mr. Beck reported no conflict of interest.

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

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

Discussion on Application by Michelle Ellicks for Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

- Ms. Ellicks has lived in Acton for more than 30 years. She volunteered with the Friends of Acton, Nursing and recently in the Acton Arboretum. She appreciated what the CPC has done in town. She is excited to be able to play a role in improving daily living in Acton.
- Ms. Ellicks attended the last CPC meeting and felt even more interested in joining CPC after the meeting. She thought that it is a great group of people. She will be able to attend future meeting regularly.
- Ms. Ellicks reported no conflict of interest.

Mr. Yang moved to forward Michelle Ellicks name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a member of the CPC. Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

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

4. Adjournment

At 8:14PM

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 April 06, 2023.
- Volunteer Application by Zayd Dhasthageer.
- Volunteer Application by Ron Beck.
- Volunteer Application by Michelle Ellicks.