

**Volunteer Coordinating Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 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 7:04PM

**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 July 20, 2023 were reviewed. Mr. Millett moved to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Hutchins 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 Waiving Interview for Jeffrey Bergart for his Application on the Recreation Commission (RC)

Based on his previous and current services in the Town, Mr. Millett moved to waive interview for Jeff Bergart. Mr. Yang seconded.

Mr. Bergart is a current member of the Council On Aging Board, a member of Recreation Commission Subcommittee - Senior Park. He was a past member of the Finance Committee. This week, he was elected to the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Bruce Friedman Rail Trail.

Chair Hutchins called roll:

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

Discussion on Application by Jeffrey Bergart for the RC

Based on his previous and current services in the Town, Mr. Yang moved to forward Jeff Bergart's name to the Select Board for further consideration to appoint as a member of the RC. Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

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

Discussion on Application by Maria Paunescu for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (DEIC)

- Ms. Paunescu reported she has been interested to promote equity since her middle school years. She has been a non-voting student member of the Acton and Boxborough Cultural Council since her freshman year, where she experienced full immersion of the culture and the arts of so many different places, histories, backgrounds. In her sophomore year, she helped with an event for the AB students for equity and justice in the High School. This summer in July Ms. Paunescu joined a youth lobbyist day to meet with the legislators at the Capitol building at the State Capitol for the Care Bill, which is the coalition for anti-racism and equity in education.
- Ms. Paunescu is a rising senior in ABRHS. She would like to continue to serve as a student member of DEIC when she goes to college if that was allowed.
- Ms. Paunescu reported that she has no conflict of interest.
- Ms. Paunescu has attended one DEIC meeting and will be able to attend future meetings regularly.

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

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

Discussion on Waiving Interview for Bettina Abe for her Application on the Land Stewardship Committee (LSC)

Ms. Abe applied for the Steward of the Acton Arboretum and a full member of the LSC. Based on her long time services in the Town and her heavy involvement at the Acton Arboretum. Mr. Yang moved to waive interview for Bettina Abe. Mr. Millett seconded. Chair Hutchins called roll:

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

Discussion on Application by Bettina Abe for LSC

Ms. Abe served in the LSC 2005-2011, and in the Sidewalk Committee 2000-2010. She has been the Natural Resources Assistant of the Town of Acton for 12 years and will retire on August 30, 2023.

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

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

**4. Adjournment**

At 8:12PM

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 July 20, 2023.
- Volunteer Application by Jeff Bergart.
- Volunteer Application by Maria Paunescu.
- Volunteer Application by Bettina Abe.