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Acton Volunteer Coordinating Committee Minutes for 3/25/2013

Present: Sophy Chang and Charlie Aaronson, Dan Brunelle, Diana Branch
Absent: Nancy Gerhardt, Jean Lane

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on 3/25/2013.

The opening comments included a paper review of the applicants and some comments about their committees of interest.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of March 11, 2013. The vote was unanimous in favor.

There were two interviews listed on the agenda.

1st Interview – Sharon Schiffer as an applicant for several committees. Sharon has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Master of Science degree in Public Affairs. Her work experience includes being a Rape Crisis Counselor, teaching English as a second language and work on a committee that addressed Anti-Arab discrimination. She has demonstrated her interest in serving Acton by researching openings on the Town website, reading the minutes of several committees, and sitting in on a meeting. She appeared enthusiastic and had a very pleasant, bubbly personality.

As a result of the interview, our opinion was that she would not be a very good fit for either the GAB or the Board of Health. We thought that she would make a good addition to either the 2020 committee (although she has lived in Acton less than a year) or the VCC

2nd Interview – Padmaja Kuchimanchi as an applicant for the Green Advisory Board. Padmaja has a Bachelor of Science degree in Botany, Chemistry and Zoology. She has worked in the Biotech/Science arena. She has also served recently on the Acton/Boxborough Cultural Council. Her interest in further serving Acton led her to discover this opening on the Town Website. Her interests include recycling, conserving energy, and working on other green initiatives. She has a self proclaimed passion toward Mother Earth to save and appreciate the things we have. She has not attended a meeting of this committee and we have urged her to determine when the next meeting is and to attend it.

Review and recommendations:

It was moved and seconded to forward Sharon Schiffer for consideration by both the 2020 committee and the VCC. Passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to forward Padmaja Kuchimanchi for consideration for the opening on the GAB. Passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the VCC is scheduled for 4/8/2013 at 7:00 PM. Charlie A. reminded everyone that he will not be at that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.