

# APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 03, 2024

3:30pm

Councilor Jeffrey Mendes (Chair)  
Councilor Kris Clark (Vice Chair)  
Councilor Kristin Terkelsen  
Councilor Seth Burdick  
Councilor Charles Bloom

## MEETING MINUTES

Chair of Committee Councilor Jeffrey Mendes opened the meeting of the Appointments Committee in the Selectmen's Conference Room at 3:30pm and made the following announcement:

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The administrator to the Town Council took Roll call, all members present in the Selectmen's Conference Room with the exception of Councilor Burdick, who arrived at 3:45 pm

The Chair of Committee asked for public comment via the Zoom link provided to the Public.

Mr. Larry Morin (no comment right now just listening) Meghan Mort, sent an email to the Committee and wants to stress those comments again. Eric Schwabb, (just listening).

Chair of Committee asked the Committee members how they would like to handle the reappointments that are coming up, there are 94 potential reappointments, and if the Committee decides to interview each candidate that is up for reappointment, that that process could take a while to do so. Councilor Terkelsen proposed a new process for reappointing members to committees. She suggested that each individual attendance and contributions to the committee be gathered from the staff, and this information should be used to evaluate their continued participation. Councilor Terkelsen also raised concerns about committees that aren't functioning effectively, suggesting that a committee on committees could be created to address these issues. However, she was hesitant about creating vacancies on existing committees prior to any determination of their effectiveness. The team agreed to consider these suggestions, but no final decision was made during the meeting.

Discussion amongst the Committee members regarding the importance of regular attendance for committee members to be considered for reappointment. It was suggested that each committee chair should provide a report on their members' performance and attendance within the next month. Committee members cautioned that this process should be carefully implemented, as it could be open to interpretation and could potentially lead to disputes. It stressed the need for clear rules on acceptable and non-acceptable absences and advised that attendance records should be reviewed after the Covid-19 pandemic, as many committees were unsure about the use of Zoom for meetings.

Councilor Clark emphasized the importance of attendance and punctuality within the organization's board, committee, and commission structure. It was proposed that a fair and balanced metric should be established to monitor attendance, with absences due to illness or other extenuating circumstances considered on a case-by-case basis, also mentioned was the need to respect the rights and limitations of the volunteers, recognizing that they are crucial to the organization's success but may be limited in their availability. She encouraged the group to work towards implementing these changes and to maintain a focus on maintaining a healthy volunteer pool.

Members of the Appointments Committee asked about the process of notification on those term expiring Town Council Administrator explained her simple yet effective process for handling committee memberships. The Town Council Administrator reaches out to the chairs to identify expiring terms and checks on members' attendance, conflict of interest status, and certificates. The Town Council Administrator then communicates with the members about their desire to continue or step back through an email. If a member is interested in being reappointed, the Town Council Administrator forwards their information to the chairs for review. Committee members emphasized the importance of this process for ensuring accountability and transparency and raised a concern about the current practice of passing members through committees without proper review. It was proposed creating a list of when members were first appointed to track their tenure on each Committee. The Town Council Administrator will request the attendance records from each Committee that has members expiring and seeking reappointment.

After discussions the following were recommended to serve on the following Committees to the full Council

**Council on Aging:** Councilor Burdick made the motion to recommend Christine Beer as an Associate member to a term expiring 06/30/2026, this was seconded by Councilor Bloom, all members present with the exception of Councilor Mendes (recused) voted in favor of this recommendation.

**Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Appeals Committee:** Councilor Clark recommended Eric Schwabb as a business owner to a term expires 06/30/2024, this was seconded by Councilor Burdick (Councilor Bloom and Councilor Terkelsen recused, Councilor Clark voted in the positive. Motion did not carry. Councilor Burdick made the motion to recommend to the full Council Amanda Converse as a as a business owner to a term expires 06/30/2024, this was seconded by Councilor Mendes, Councilor Mendes, and Councilor Burdick voted in favor of this recommendation. motion carries.

**Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission:** there were no recommendations at this time, the members decided to hold until further applicants can be interviewed, Catherine LeDuc applied to serve, but is currently unavailable to come in. Councilor Mendes suggested that a recommendation be made for the position of an individual holding a Board of Realtors license, Councilor Clark recommended Conrad Watson to serve in this capacity, this was seconded by Councilor Mendes, Councilors Bloom and Terkelsen abstained. Councilor Clark, Mendes, and Burdick voted in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation of an alternate member will be decided after all applicants have been interviewed that had submitted interest. There are at the present no quorum issues with the **Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission**, Appointments Committee will hold on to recommendations for more applications to come forth.

**Human Services Committee:** Councilor Terkelsen made the motion to recommend Suzanne Welch as regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2024, this was seconded by Councilor Clark; all members present voted in favor of this recommendation. Councilor Clark made the motion to recommend Wendy Crocker as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2026, this was seconded by Councilor Bloom, all members present voted in favor of this recommendation.

**Infrastructure and Energy Committee:** Councilor Clark made the motion to recommend William Beal, as a regular member with terms that expire 06/30/2024; Councilor Terkelsen seconded the motion, a recommendation of Joseph Tacconga was made by Councilor Bloom, this was seconded by Councilor Mendes. All Committees members present except for Councilor Bloom recommended William Beal as a regular member with term that expires 06/30/2024. Councilor Bloom voted for Joseph Tacconga, there were no other votes in the positive, Mr. Beal's nomination carries. Councilor Clark recommended Christopher Gloninger, this was seconded by Councilor Mendes, all members present voted in favor of recommending to the full Council Christopher Gloninger as a regular member to a term expiring 06/30/2026.

**Youth Commission:** Councilor Clark made the motion to recommend to the full Council Welmer "Junior" de Oliveira as a student member to a term expiring 06/30/2025, all members present voted in favor of this recommendation. Councilor Bloom recommended Noah Lyonnois as a student member to a term expiring

06/30/2025, all members present voted in favor of recommending to the full Council Welmer “Junior” de Oliveira as a student member, and Noah Lyonnais as a student member to a term expiring 06/30/2025.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Councilor Bloom recused himself on the next nominations. Councilor Clark recommended Natalie Pittenger as an Associate member term to a term expiring 06/30/2024, this was seconded by Councilor Terkelsen. Councilor Burdick recommended Rodney Tavano as an Associate member term to a term expiring 06/30/2024. Councilor Clark and Councilor Terkelsen vote in favor of Nattalie Pittinger, Councilor Burdick and Councilor Mendes voted in favor of Rodney Tavano, motion does not carry for either, as the votes were in a tie, Councilor Terkelsen reached out to the Chair of the Committee for feedback on what that board needs as far as membership, and the conclusion was less contractors, Councilor Mendes has heard that the Zoning Board of Appeals has been slow in making decisions and has heard it gets bogged down, and he feels that whoever is placed on there needs to be someone that these laws effect the individuals, he sees and hears it everyday as a business owner. Councilor Clark had also reached out to the Chair and asked about Nattalie Pittinger and if he as the Chair saw an issue with recommending her, and he did not have anything negative about it and he thought that there is not a quorum issue, to keep this open for a while so that the Public can view and see the opening. The Committee members decided to hold on recommendations until the next meeting and have further discussion to see if any applications come in.

**Reappointments:** Councilor Clark recommended Carolyn Ferrell, to the Mid Cape Cultural Council as a regular member to a term expiring 12/31/26this was seconded by Councilor Burdick; Members Burdick, Mendes, Bloom and Clark all voted in favor of recommending Carolyn Ferrell to the Mid Cape Cultural Council as a regular member to a term expiring 12/31/26, Councilor Terkelsen abstained. Councilor Bloom recommended Robert Jones as the Town of Barnstable Representative member Steamship Authority Board of Governors to a term expiring 12/31/2027, all members present voted in favor.

Chair of the Committee asked for a motion to adjourn; Councilor Clark made the motion to adjourn, this was seconded by Councilor Burdick, all members voted in favor of adjournment at 5:35pm

ADJOURN: 5:35pm