

MINUTES
APPOINTMENTS/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE
HYBRID MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Item 1. Call to Order. K. Shupe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Item 2. Attendance. Committee members John Cloutier, Don Hamill and Karin Shupe were present. Also present: Liam Gallagher, Assistant Town Manager.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2022. Motion by D. Hamill, seconded by J. Cloutier, to move approval of the December 14, 2022, meeting minutes, as written.

Vote: 3 Yeas.

Item 4. Discussions Items:

1) Review applications and possible action to various committees/boards with vacancies.

Community Services Advisory Board:

Motion by K. Shupe, seconded by J. Cloutier, to move approval to appoint Alexander Marshall as a full voting member, with a term to expire in 2025; appoint William Partridge as the 1st Alternate, to fill a term to expire in 2023 and Amanda Doherty as 2nd Alternate to fill a term to expire in 2024.

Vote: 3 Yeas.

Long Range Planning Committee:

Motion by J. Cloutier, seconded by D. Hamill, to move approval to appoint Ken Johnson as a full voting member, with a term to expire in 2025.

Vote: 3 Yeas.

Airport Noise Committee:

The consensus of the Committee was to move Michael Wood's name to the Council.

2) Discuss norms for meeting process and how to proceed.

This has been discussed at past meetings. Executive session would be very rare. We are a self-governing group and we have learned a lot over the past 6 weeks. This year came into a situation where we had more applications than we did vacancies. Have everyone fill out applications and possibly conduct interviews for the judicial committees/boards.

K. Shupe noted that this Committee does not have to be aired live. Discussion ensued around the Remote Media Policy, the Council Rules and Policies Manual and just recording the meeting. L. Gallagher would get back to the members on this.

Discussion around whether a public comment item should be added to the agenda. It was determined that if the Chair wanted to add it, then you could. We could do interviews if we so choose. The Committee would like to see how other municipalities handle their appointments.

L. Gallagher brought up whether an applicant could make a statement on their behalf. Is this something that the Committee would welcome?

D. Hamill noted that he had developed a process map to see if the new members would like to review and discuss at a future meeting.

3) Discussion on possible Agenda items.

There are vacancies on the Conservation Commission and the Sustainability Committee. At the current time there are no items to consider.

Discussion around staffing of Ad-Hoc committees through the Town Council and not this Committee.

L. Gallagher touched on the Negotiations side of the committee and what it covered.

Item 5. Set next agenda items.

To be determined.

Item 6. Adjournment. Motion by D. Hamill, seconded by J. Cloutier, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Vote: 3 Yeas.