

City of Malden

Malden City Hall 215 Pleasant Street Malden. MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Personnel/Appointments Committee

Councillor Winslow, Chair Councillor Colon Hayes, Vice Chair Councillor Crowe Councillor Linehan Councillor Spadafora

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room #108 215 Pleasant Street

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Councillor Stephen Winslow, Councillor Karen Colon Hayes, Peg Crowe and

Amanda Linehan

Absent: 1 - Craig Spadafora

Also Present: Councillor O'Malley

Alicia McNeil-City Solicitor

Christopher Mooney-Assistant City Solicitor

Councillor Winslow called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Minutes to be Approved

381-24 Minutes of June 11, 2024 to be approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Committee Minutes of JUne 11, 2024 be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Business

370-24 Mayoral Appointment: Roy Watson, 108 Hadley Street, Malden, as a member of the

Conservation Commission, said term to expire September 15, 2026. (Confirmation

required)

Attachments: Mayor's Appointment Letter - Roy Watson

Councillor Winslow thanked Roy for coming in and asked him to tell them a little about himself and why he is interested in serving on the Conservation Commission.

Roy said he applied when he saw there was an opening. He previously served on the Carlisle Conservation Commission and was the Chair for a number of years. Carlisle is a little over 15 square miles of forest and when he left they had only 1200 families. He was very active in Carlisle and served on the Fire Department where he was a level 3 firefighter and was a fully licensed EMT. He got certified to teach and certify EMT's. He lives in a little appendage in Malden behind the Holy Cross Cemetery. There is a river behind them Town Line Brook. He and his wife regularly go behind there and clean it up. He is going to explore the possibility of making it a bike path.

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Councillor Linehan asked him is if there is other things he is interested in Malden from a Conservation point of view

Roy answered by saying he thinks that all cities and towns should invest in their natural resources they have. Carlisle doesn't have trash pick-up they have a town dump. He had a number of people in Carlisle approach him and say you are the Chair of the Conservation Commission, I have a bunch of land that i would like to donate to the town to build on and invariably it turned out to be wetlands that you cannot build on. He has a varied background he is an attorney and has been recently appointed to work as a Commissioner by the Supreme Judicial Court. In terms of conservation Malden has a lot of critical areas anything we can do he feels to preserve this is a benefit to the City. One of the things he does not agree with in Malden is their trash policy. He feels it is expensive but unfortunately it encourages people to throw their trash in the street. He feels that we should have public trash barrels around in public places so people won't throw their trash in the streets.

Councillor Colon Hayes she is currently being voted in on the Mystic Watershed Association and she will be able to do a lot of work with the Malden River so they may be doing some work together do you find that this commission is similar to what you used to do in Carlisle

Roy said Malden is an urban area and still has conservation issues as opposed to Carlisle.

Councillor Winslow explained that we did not have bylaws for the ConCom so we drafted bylaws which gives them more authority, prior to the bylaws they basically had no authority and we would have to bring everything to the legal department to do anything. Now our ConCom has bylaws so they can do direct recourse.

Motion to move Roy Watson out favorably to the Full Council for his Mayoral Appointment as a member of the Conservation Commission was made by Councillor Linehan and seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Appointment be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Other Business

Adjournment

Motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:08 PM. The motion carried unanimously.