

Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 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 7:16PM

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 November 30, 2023 were reviewed. Mr. Hutchins moved to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Millett 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 Bettina Abe for her Application on the Open Space Committee (OSC)

Based on her long time services in the Town and her current membership on the Land Stewardship Committee. 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 OSC

Mr. Millett has known Ms. Abe for years. He worked with her on the Arboretum Committee. When he was on the Planning Board, they interfaced with Bettina. He has known Bettina’s work for over 15-20 years including her being the Natural Resources Assistant of the Town of Acton. Mr Millett believed that Ms. Abe would be excellent on the OSC. Other VCC members echoed Mr. Millett’s thought since they all have experiences working with Ms. Abe.

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

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

Discussion on Application by Kalyani Krishnan for Human Services Committee (HSC)

- Dr. Kalyani Krishnan was invited by Francesca Arsenault to join HSC, who is aware of her work.
- Dr. Krishnan is a school psychologist by training and also a learning disability specialist. In the past 30 years, she has been working with individuals of all ages who have difficulty with learning or with attention or with managing their emotions, and are struggling to accomplish their life goals. She call herself a therapeutic tutor. She works with individuals and families, consults with schools and sometimes collaborates with employers, to facilitate participation by people with all sorts of learning and other challenges.
- Dr. Krishnan keeps up with the town affairs through watching the recording of the School Committee meetings and the Select Board meetings. She used to read the Beacon, listens to her neighbors.
- Dr. Krishnan reported no conflict of interest.
- Dr. Krishnan reported that she would be able to attend future meetings regularly.

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

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

4. Adjournment

At 7:55PM

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 November 30, 2023.
- Volunteer Application by Bettina Abe.
- Volunteer Application by Kalyani Krishnan.