

Acton Volunteer Coordinating Committee Minutes for 6/23/2014

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on 6/23/2014.

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

The approval of the minutes from 6/9/14 was deferred until the next meeting.

There were three interviews listed on the agenda.

1st Interview: David Hartnagel as an applicant for the Recreation Commission. He is an Attorney and is a graduate of Tufts University and The George Washington University Law School. He has lived in Acton for 2 years. He is now settled into Town and wants to do some public service. He has not attended any meetings of the Recreation Commission but is planning on attending one soon. He has followed the agendas and minutes of their meetings. He and his children utilize the playgrounds in Town and NARA. He has no apparent conflict of interest. Attendance at a Recreation Commission meeting was further discussed as his most important next step.

2nd Interview: John Watlington as an applicant for the Land Stewardship Committee. He has lived in Acton for 14 years and has a Bachelors and a Masters degree. He is very interested in the conservation lands and has attended meetings of the LSC. He spends considerable time walking the trails and conservation lands in Acton. He attends Town Meeting. He has no apparent conflict of interest, has the time to commit to the work of this committee and can generally make meetings.

3rd Interview: Kenneth Zhou as an applicant for the Economic Development Committee, the Recreation Commission and the Volunteer Coordinating Committee. His first choice is the EDC and might be interested in another committee later on. He has a BA in Economics and has lived in Acton for 17 years. He has a background in economics and wants to be more involved in the community. He feels that Acton could do more with what they have than what they do now and that the development of Acton and (his) being involved is crucial to Acton's future. He has attended meetings of the EDC and has the time to be on the committee. He has not attended Town Meeting but intends to go. He has no apparent conflicts of interest.

Review and Recommendations:

It was moved and seconded to forward David Hartnagel for further consideration for the Recreation Commission dependent on his successfully attending a meeting of that committee. It was voted and passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to forward John Watlington for further consideration for the Land Steward Committee. It was voted and passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to forward Kenneth Zhou for further consideration for the Economic Development Committee. It was voted and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the VCC is scheduled for 7/14/14 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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