

## Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2020 3:00 PM

Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/97587454141>

**Present:** Gregory Hutchins, Michael Brandt, Hart Millett, Xuan Kong and Fang Yang

**Absent:** None

### 1. Opening

Chair Hutchins opened the meeting at 3:04PM

### 2. Regular Business

A. Public Comments - None.

B. Update on Committee Openings/Appointments – Greg gave an update on Committee member appointments made by BOS since last VCC meeting, status of pending volunteer applications, and committee/board openings.

Xuan is polling committee members whose memberships will expire in June. He reported 48 members in total. Among them, 39 are willing to continue to serve, 5 will not, and 4 have not replied yet.

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the VCC's May 13, 2020 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Xuan moved to approve the meeting minutes, Mr. Millett seconded. Mr. Hutchins called roll:

Mr. Brandt – aye

Mr. Yang – aye

Mr. Millett – aye

Mr. Kong – aye

Mr. Hutchins – aye

The motion carries.

### 3. Interviews

#### Hearing on Application by Vicki Tardif for Zoning Board of Appeals

- Ms. Tardif first became familiar to ZBA through some of the developments around town. She spoke to Jon Benson who suggested that she need to know more about ZBA. Then she attended a couple of ZBA meetings. She found interesting to involve in the role of ZBA on Acton's development.
- Ms. Tardif reported that she will be able to attend future committee meetings.
- Ms. Tardif reported no apparent conflict of interest.
- Ms. Tardif is an Ontologist. Her field is computer science. She currently works for Google.

- Ms. Tardif lived in Acton over 10 years. She reported that she attended town meetings.
- Ms. Tardif is volunteering in PTO of Conant School.
- Ms. Tardif kept up with town affairs through attending town meetings, subscribing Beacon.

Mr. Yang moved to forward Vicki Tardiff's name to the Board of Selectmen for further consideration to appoint as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeal. Mr. Kong seconded. Mr. Hutchins called roll:

- Mr. Brandt – aye
- Mr. Millett – aye
- Mr. Yang – aye
- Mr. Kong – aye
- Mr. Hutchins – aye

The motion carries.

#### Hearing on Application by Andy Richardt for Acton Community Housing Corporation

- Mr. Richardt have been talking and working with Kelley Cronin, Nancy Tavernier, and Bob Van Meter over the past couple of years, on housing in Acton, in particular focused on housing for people with special needs. He has a son with special needs. Generally he is interested in if there is a need in developing housing for families with special needs in Acton and how to educated them to determine where are the opportunities. Nancy told him there are two openings in ACHC. He thinks that it seems natural to get more involved.
- Mr. Richardt reported no apparent conflict of interest.
- Mr. Richardt reported that he has not attended a committee meeting, but will attend next Monday. **(He reported he did as this minutes is modified)**
- Mr. Richardt lived 16 years in Acton. He is a financial planner working in Concord. He is also a co-owner of West Side Creamery in West Acton.
- Mr. Richardt has worked closely with Recreational Department in developing Miracle Field. He and his wife are co-founders of Miracle Field.
- Mr. Richardt knows town affairs through Jon Benson's BOS meeting email, and a group called Housing for All.
- Mr. Richardt reported that he will be able to attend future committee meetings.

Mr. Kong moved to forward Andrew Richardt's name to the Board of Selectmen for further consideration to appoint as a member of the Acton Community Housing Corporation pending to his attendance of an ACHC meeting. Mr. Millett seconded. Mr. Hutchins called roll:

- Mr. Kong – aye
- Mr. Yang – aye
- Mr. Millett – aye
- Mr. Brandt – aye
- Mr. Hutchins – aye

The motion carries.

#### Hearing on Application by Morene Bodner for Agricultural Commission

- Ms. Bodner was approached by Betina to join the Agricultural Commission. She was in a lot of town committees, like 61A committee, co-Chaired two five-years terms of Open Space Recreation Plan. She is very interested in preserving the remaining rural aspects of Acton.
- Ms. Bodner moved in Acton in 1983, and raised children here. She has a horse farm on Nagog Hill Road for 26 years.
- Ms. Bodner reported no apparent conflict of interest.
- Ms. Bodner reported that she will be able to attend future committee meetings.

Mr. Kong moved to forward Morene Bodner's name to the Board of Selectmen for further consideration to appoint as a member of the Agriculture Commission. Mr. Yang seconded. Mr. Hutchins called roll:

Mr. Brandt – aye  
 Mr. Yang – aye  
 Mr. Millett – aye  
 Mr. Kong – aye  
 Mr. Hutchins – aye

The motion carries.

Hearing on Application by Judith Hodge for Acton Community Housing Corporation

- Ms. Hodge was asked by Bob Van Meter to join ACHC. She knew Bob and admired his work. She attended a meeting and decided to apply.
- Ms. Hodge reported that she will be able to attend future committee meetings.
- Ms. Hodge knows town issues through reading Beacon, attending Town Meetings and involving in an organization called Mothers Out Front which is trying to address climate change in Acton.
- Ms. Hodge has PhD in English, Master in Social Worker. She taught in WPI, was part- time teaching in Middlesex Community College. She became social worker, worked for Catholic charities for 30 years.
- Ms. Hodge reported no apparent conflict of interest.

Mr. Kong moved to forward Judith Hodge's name to the Board of Selectmen for further consideration to appoint as an associate member of the Acton Community Housing Corporation. Mr. Yang seconded. Mr. Hutchins called roll:

Mr. Brandt – aye  
 Mr. Yang – aye  
 Mr. Kong – aye  
 Mr. Millett – aye  
 Mr. Hutchins – aye

The motion carries.

**4. New/Special Business**

VCC will not ask for a recruiting table at the upcoming Town Meeting on June 29.

**5. Adjournment**

At 4:59PM, Mr Kong moved to adjourn the meeting, and Millet seconded. Mr. Hutchins called roll:

Ms. Brandt – aye

Mr. Yang – aye

Mr. Millett – aye

Mr. Kong – aye

Mr. Hutchins – aye

The motion carries.

**Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting**

- Meeting minutes of May 13, 2020.