

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
INTERVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – February 28, 2023**

5:20 p.m. - Introduction to Remote Meeting

Selectman Hirsh stated that this Open Meeting of the Board of Selectmen Interview Subcommittee is being conducted remotely consistent with Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, an Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency and signed into law on July 16, 2022 and that all members of the Board of Selectmen Interview Subcommittee are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

Selectman Hirsh noted that the Order allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. She added that this meeting will be livestreamed, but will not feature public comment. She indicated the various ways that the public may view this meeting as listed on the posted agenda.

Selectman Hirsh stated that any votes taken this evening will be by roll call vote. She confirmed that the following were remotely present and could be heard.

Board of Selectmen Interview Subcommittee

Selectman Julianne Hirsh
Selectman Jason Perreault

Selectman Wixted was unable to attend and conduct interviews this evening. Selectman Perreault conducted interviews along with Selectman Hirsh in her absence.

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES – December 13, 2022

Selectmen Hirsh noted that the acceptance of the December 13, 2022 will be postponed until the next Interview Meeting when Selectman Wixted is present.

During each interview, applicants were told that following tonight's interviews, the Interview Subcommittee will vote on their recommendation for appointments for the Board of Selectmen's consideration at their meeting on March 13, 2023.

INTERVIEW FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Remotely present:

Selectman Julianne Hirsh
Selectman Jason Perreault
Scholarship Committee Chair Liz Nolan
Diane Irvine – for her interview only

Diane Irvine

Ms. Irvine has been a Northborough resident for over 30 years. Both of her daughters received many scholarships that helped them with college. She recently retired and would like to help graduating students attend college. As a member of the Teachers Union for 32 years she has experience with the scholarship process and with reviewing applications. She also has experience with fundraising.

Ms. Nolan reviewed the scope and responsibilities of the Scholarship Committee, the current application process and the Committee's goals to increase awareness and fundraising efforts. She noted that the Committee will begin reviewing applications at their meeting on March 22nd, with decisions being made by the end of April.

INTERVIEWS FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING (COA)

Remotely present:

Selectman Julianne Hirsh
Selectman Jason Perreault
COA Chair Adrienne Cost
Senior Center Director Kendra Faldetta
Diane Irvine – for her interview only
Paula Moore – for her interview only
Allison King – for her interview only

Diane Irvine

Ms. Irvine has been a Northborough resident for over 30 years. Now that she is retired she likes to visit the Senior Center and knows all of the great programs and services that they offer. She and her husband attend events and programs at the Northborough Senior Center, as well as other towns in the area. She has gathered a lot of knowledge and can bring forward some ideas about how the different towns compare in their offerings to seniors.

Senior Center Director Kendra Faldetta and COA Chair Adrienne Cost responded to some of the recommendations made by Ms. Irvine.

Paula Moore

Ms. Moore has been a Northborough resident for over 45 years. Her work with United Way and as a Program Manager with the Greater Marlborough programs has given her valuable experience working with the elderly population. She has always been interested in the Council on Aging and spends a lot of her time at the Senior Center. She has been working with Adrienne Cost on many COA/Senior Center projects since 2002.

Ms. Moore is so familiar with the Senior Center and the Council on Aging that a review of their responsibilities and meeting schedule was not necessary. A conversation ensued about Ms. Moore's role in spearheading the initial development of Ellsworth MacAfee Park.

Allison King

Ms. King has been a Northborough resident for 8 years. She is a licensed physical therapist with a doctorate in physical therapy and works full-time with the aging adult population at a local assisted living facility. She is also a certified fall prevention specialist and a certified exercise expert for the aging adult. She is interested in giving back to her community and feels that given her professional background, the Council on Aging seems like a good fit.

Ms. Cost reviewed the responsibilities of the COA and indicated that they meet once per month. Ms. Faldetta reviewed some of the programs and services that are offered at the Senior Center. Ms. King summarized her work as a certified fall prevention specialist and explained how it helps to prevent fall risks for the aging adult.

INTERVIEW FOR THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (CAC)

Remotely present:

Selectman Julianne Hirsh
Selectman Jason Perreault
CAC Chair Suzy Cieslica
Jennifer Martin- for her interview only

Jennifer Martin

Ms. Martin has been a Northborough resident for 5 years. She originally interviewed for the CAC in January 2022 after participating in several of the CAC events. At that time, another candidate who had more time to commit was recommended for appointment. Ms. Martin has been working collaboratively with the CAC since that time and expressed her interest in formalizing what she has already been doing informally by serving as an appointed member.

Ms. Cieslica noted her appreciation for Ms. Martin and her continued participation on the many programs and events that the CAC has been working on, adding that she would love to have her join the CAC as an appointed member. Ms. Cieslica announced some of the events that the Committee is currently working on.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT

During discussion of each of the candidates ability and interest to serve on the Board or Committee to which they applied, Selectmen Hirsh and Perreault expressed that all applicants were well qualified. Further, they noted that Ms. Irvine was the sole applicant for one open position on the Scholarship Committee, and also one of three applicants, along with Ms. Moore and Ms. King, for only two open positions on the Council on Aging.

The resulting recommendations were determined based on consideration of Ms. Irvine's passion for education and her prior experience with scholarship processes and fundraising; of Ms. Moore's longstanding engagement with the Senior Center and her

past contributions to the Town; of Ms. King's professional qualifications in physical therapy with focus on aging adults, which offer a unique perspective; and with the preference to provide a well-matched volunteer opportunity to as many of the applicants as possible. Selectmen Hirsh and Perreault made the following recommendations for appointments.

Community Affairs Committee

Selectman Perreault moved the Interview Subcommittee vote to recommend Jennifer Martin for appointment to the Community Affairs Committee for a term to expire on April 30, 2026 at the March 13, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting; Selectman Hirsh seconded the motion; the roll call was taken as follows:

Selectman Hirsh "aye:
Selectman Perreault "aye"

Scholarship Committee

Selectman Perreault moved the Interview Subcommittee vote to recommend Diane Irvine for appointment to the Scholarship Committee for a term to expire on April 30, 2026 at the March 13, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting; Selectman Hirsh seconded the motion; the roll call was taken as follows:

Selectman Hirsh "aye:
Selectman Perreault "aye"

Council on Aging

Selectman Perreault moved the Interview Subcommittee vote to recommend Paula Moore for appointment to the Council on Aging for a term to expire on April 30, 2024 at the March 13, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting; Selectman Hirsh seconded the motion; the roll call was taken as follows:

Selectman Hirsh "aye:
Selectman Perreault "aye"

Selectman Perreault moved the Interview Subcommittee vote to recommend Allison King for appointment to the Council on Aging for a term to expire on April 30, 2024 at the March 13, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting; Selectman Hirsh seconded the motion; the roll call was taken as follows:

Selectman Hirsh "aye:
Selectman Perreault "aye"

ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Perreault moved the Interview Subcommittee vote to adjourn; Selectman Hirsh seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Selectman Hirsh “aye:
Selectman Perreault “aye”

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. February 28, 2023 Meeting Agenda
2. Application to the Scholarship Committee
3. Applications to the Council on Aging
4. Application to the Community Affairs Committee