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Personnel Action Committee
Minutes for 09/15/16 meeting
Starting Time—6:15 p.m.

Committee Members—Ralph Figy (present), ~~William Onyski (present)~~, ~~Cindy Harris~~, Chair (present)

Agenda Item #1

The reappointment of William Carellas, 16 Wildflower Circle, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire on the first Monday of February, 2021.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that reappointment.

Discussion:

Mr. Carellas is the owner of the Carellas Insurance Agency and thus does everything a business owner needs to do. He is a lifelong resident of Westfield.

He served on the Planning Board for 2 years during the Varelas administration. He is the founder, President of Westfield Soccer Club.

He was appointed to the Planning Board again April, 2015, by Mayor Knapik. According to the Planning Board, he has demonstrated competence, fairness and professionalism in his service to the City as a Planning Board member. He has become well-versed in the roles and responsibilities of this Board and is especially thorough in his review of projects pending before the Board.

Councilor Onyski states he worked with Mr. Carellas on this Board and highly recommends him.

Agenda Item #2

The appointment of Mark M. Goodniss, 230 Old Colony Road, as a member of the Flood Control Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2018.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that appointment.

Discussion:

Mr. Goodniss served seven years in the United States Marine Corps, and we thank him for his service, was employed by Digital Equipment for 20 years, and was manager of Shipping and Receiving there.

He then was owner of a Home Construction Business which entailed building over 400 homes, thus he was responsible for all day to day operation of that business.

He co-founded Fort Devens Rifle and Pistol Club, and served on the Board of Directors for Riverside Rod and Gun Club and Westfield Sportsman Club. He also served 4 ½ years as a Judge Advocate AMVETS POST 208, and is a life member of AMVETS, V.F.W, Disabled American Veterans, and Order of Purple Heart.

Mr. Goodniss states he has a good understanding of the Westfield Flood Control Commission's duties and facilities, and a very good understanding of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Operations. He also states he is interested in protecting the City he grew up in.

Albert Giguere Jr., (who attended this meeting), Chairman of the Westfield Flood Control Commission believes Mr. Goodniss would make a good addition to this Commission in view of the fact that he has attended meetings, his knowledge and military experience.

Councilor Babinski states he is very knowledgeable and gives him two thumbs up, as does Councilor Figy.

Minutes for this meeting (09/15/16) approved on 09/15/16 on a 3-0 vote.

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Harris, Chair 09/16/16.