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Personnel Action Committee

Minutes for 03/02/17 meeting

Starting Time – 6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda Item #1

The appointment of Alan Studentas, 25 Thomas Street apt. 108 as a member of the Council on Aging, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2020, replacing Alice Dawicki.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that appointment.

Discussion:

He has been involved with the Council on Aging since 2008 and has been a volunteer in many capacities including one-on-one companionship, Senior Center menu planning and meal preparation, the Monthly Brown Bag Food distribution program, the annual Senior Options Health and Wellness fair and has been very involved with several fundraisers for the Friends of the Westfield Senior Center to raise money for the Capital Campaign.

Mr. Studentas believes his history of the planning, construction and funding of the New Senior Center along with his knowledge of Council on Aging programs would make him a valuable member of this Board and Tina Gorman, Executive Director of Council on Aging agrees. In addition, she states what he brings to the table is he actually lives in Senior Housing and understands the history of going from the old building into the new building—and he is very dependable.

Agenda Item #2

The reappointment of Elizabeth Boucher, 150 Hillside Road Unit 6 as a member of the Council on Aging, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2020.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that reappointment.

Discussion:

She has been on the Board since March 2011. She has lived in Westfield her whole life except 6 years for Air Force Deployment. She was on other Commissions before the Council on Aging and was a Benefits Manager for the Westfield Public Schools.

In recent years she was involved in writing the Senior Center's Political Activity Policy and researched policies regarding smoking at Senior Centers so as to be able to recommend options on this to the full Board for voting. She also created the Seniors Novel Book Group.

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She is considered an asset to this Board and Tina Gorman, Executive Director Council on Aging, recommends her reappointment.

Agenda Item #3

The reappointment of Kimberly Irzyk, 47 Claremont Street as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission, for a term to expire on the first Monday of February, 2020.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that reappointment.

Discussion:

Ms Irzyk is a lifelong resident of Westfield. She has been on this commission since 2011. Before that she was on the Historical Commission for 8 years. She has a strong background in athletics, was involved with Park and Rec activities for years with her children, and is active in the Community.

This is in Public Works Director Dave Billups umbrella and he has requested her reappointment and recommends her. Mr. Billups says he's impressed with the dedication of these Commissions. Councilor Onyski states he seconds that thought, that they have been very helpful in all matters.

Agenda Item #4

The reappointment of Vincent Olinski, 34 ½ Noble Avenue as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission, for a term to expire on the first Monday of February, 2020.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that reappointment.

Discussion:

Mr. Olinski is a lifelong resident. He was employed at the Westfield YMCA before being the Director of the Holyoke YMCA.

He has helped foster a positive lifestyle for YMCA members and young people in general, especially through sports.

Mr. Olinski is very charismatic, well-known and well liked throughout the Community.

This Commission is under the Director of Public Works Dave Billups, who has requested this reappointment and recommends him and states he has also served on the CPA since 2004.

Agenda Item #5

The reappointment of Robert Veronesi (known as Chico), 24 Heritage Lane as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission, for a term to expire on the first Monday of February, 2020.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that reappointment.

Discussion:

Mr. Veronesi is a lifelong resident of Westfield. He is retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He is a longtime basketball, baseball and softball official, and has been on this Commission for many years—that is, 30 years.

Chico is very well-known throughout the Community and is highly respected.

This Commission is under the Director of Public Works Dave Billups who has requested this reappointment and recommends him.

Agenda Item #6

The reappointment of Jack Campaniello, 28 Christopher Drive as a member of the Public Works Board, for a term to expire on the first Monday of February, 2020.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that reappointment.

Discussion:

Mr. Campaniello is a lifelong resident of Westfield. He was a supervising accountant for the Connecticut Correctional System, recently retired. 20 years Little League Board of Directors, 6 years on Abner Gibbs PTO, 11 years coaching girls softball, basketball and soccer are some of his contributions to Westfield.

As for the Public Works Board, he has been on it well over 10 years and is considered a valuable member of this Board, being serious and thoughtful on decisions. Director of Public Works, Dave Billups has requested his reappointment and recommends him.

Minutes for this meeting (03/02/17) approved on a 3-0 vote on 03/02/17.

Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Harris, Chair.

