



# City of Westfield, Massachusetts

## Municipal Conservation Commission

March 24, 2022

### REMOTE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Conservation Commission members in attendance: Chairman David Doe (DD), Vice Chairman Jim Murphy (JM), Thomas Sharp (TS), Carl Grobe (CG), Alex Fagnand (AF), Robert Florek (RF) and Lauren DiCarlo. Also in attendance: Robert Bishop, Personnel Director.

Chairman Doe reads: Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, certain Covid-19 protection measures were extended as they relate to M.G.L. c. 30A, §20, the Open Meeting Law. This special meeting of the City of Westfield Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at [www.cityofwestfield.org](http://www.cityofwestfield.org). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or Channel 12 or online at [westfieldtv.org](http://westfieldtv.org) or online at Youtube.com - Westfield Community Programming Channel. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Doe calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and takes attendance. All Commission members are present.

#### 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### 3. CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

- a. Candidate Anna Meassick is the first to be interviewed followed by Candidate Chad Raimer.
- b. They were both interviewed using a standard set of questions.

#### 4. COMMISSION DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT TO ONE CANDIDATE.

The Commission expresses some concern about the inexperience to the specific position of the two candidates. The Commission expresses a need to hire one of the candidates because Karen Leigh, who would help train, is hired on for a limited amount of time

Commissioner Sharp motions to choose a candidate in this meeting and is seconded by Commissioner Grobe. TS-Yes, CG-Yes, JM-Yes, LD-Yes, RF-Yes, AF-Yes, DD-Yes  
The motion passes.

Commissioner Sharp motions to offer Chad Raimer the position. There is no second.

Commissioner Sharp states that Candidate Raimer scored higher he feels that Candidate Raimer's experience with the State of Massachusetts and his Master's degree are what makes him the more desirable candidate. Candidate Meassick scored higher for Commissioner Grobe he feels that her willingness to learn and interact with the public was what made her more desirable. Commissioner Fagnand states that Candidate Messick's strengths and interests were better aligned to the position. Commissioner Florek feels that Candidate Meassick had a lot of good points but he admires her organizational methods. Commissioner DiCarlo states that Candidate Meassick scored higher because of her problem solving, Commissioner DiCarlo feels that this will be an asset. Vice Chairman Murphy states that there is one point difference between the two candidates. Chairman Doe feels that Candidate Meassick has more experience working with local governments. He feel that she knows a bit more about zoning. He feels that Karen Leigh will be able to mentor Candidate Meassick.

Commissioner Fagnand motions to offer the position to Candidate Anna Meassick and is seconded by Commissioner Grobe. DD-Yes, TS-Nay, CG-Yes, LD-Yes, JM-Yes, RF-Yes, AF-Yes

The motion passes. 6-1

#### 5. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Vice Chairman Murphy motions to adjourn at 8:29PM and is seconded by Commissioner Fagnand. JM-Yes, LD-Yes, TS-Yes, RF-Yes, CG-Yes, AF-Yes, DD-Yes

The motion passes.

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A true record, Attest:  
Colleen Fegan-Nunez  
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