



Committee on City Services and the Northampton City Council

Committee Members:

Chair: Councilor Maureen T. Carney

Vice-Chair: Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge

Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell

Councilor James Nash

MEETING AGENDA

Date: March 5, 2018

Time: 4 p.m.

**Location: City Council Chambers
212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**
 - A. Minutes of February 5, 2018**

Documents:

02-05-18_City Services.pdf
- 4. Discussion with Board of Health and Police Department about Expanded Operational/Administrative Responsibilities in conjunction with Retail Marijuana Sales**
- 5. Items Referred to Committee**
 - A. 18.025 Appointments to Housing Partnership, License Commission and Trust Fund Committee - referred to City Services 2/1/2018**
 - Housing Partnership**

Julio Alves, 35 Fort Hill Terrace, Northampton
Term: January 2018-June 2021
(Replacing expired term of Patty McGill)
 - License Commission**

Helen J Kahn, 188 Federal Street, Florence

Term; January 2018-June 2021
(*Replacing term of Elaine Reall*)

Trust Fund Committee

Gerald Budgar

Term: November 2017-June 2021
(*Reappointment*)

Documents:

18.025 Appointments to Housing Partnership, License Commission and Trust Fund
Committee.pdf

18.025 Gerald Budgar Application.pdf

18.025 Helen Kahn and Julio Alves Applications.pdf

6. New Business

7. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

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Present:

Councilor Maureen T. Carney, Chair

Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge, Vice-Chair

Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell

Councilor James Nash

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 4:01 p.m., Councilor Carney called the meeting to order. On a roll call, Councilors Carney, LaBarge, Bidwell and Nash were present.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Councilor Bidwell moved to open the floor to nominations for Chair. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

Councilor LaBarge nominated Councilor Carney to serve as Chair. Councilor Bidwell seconded.

There being no further nominations, Councilor Bidwell moved to close nominations. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

On a roll call, all members endorsed Councilor Carney to serve as Chair.

Councilor Bidwell moved to open the floor to nominations for Vice Chair. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

Councilor Carney nominated Councilor LaBarge as Vice Chair. Councilor Bidwell seconded.

There being no further nominations, Councilor Bidwell moved to close nominations. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0

On a roll call, all members officially endorsed Councilor LaBarge to serve as Vice Chair.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilor Carney asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

5. **ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

A. **18.014 Appointments to Various Committees**

Council on Aging

Dennis Helmus, 176 North Street, Northampton, MA; Term: January 2018 - June 2021 (*Filling the expired term of Michael Ahearn, Jr.*)

Conservation Commission

Elizabeth Wroblecka, 406 N. Farms Road, Florence, MA, Term: January 2018 - June 2021 (*Replacing term of Tim Parshall*)

Energy & Sustainability Commission

Benjamin Weil, 123 Audubon Road, Leeds, MA, Term: January 2018 - June 2021 (*Replacing term of Adin Maynard*)

Ashley Muspratt, 4 Fort Hill Terrace, Northampton, MA, Term: January 2018 - June 2021 (*Replacing term of Kristina Hodges*)

Public Shade Tree Commission

Jay Girard, 158 Ryan Road, Florence, MA, Term 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2020 (*reappointment*)

Council on Aging – Application of Dennis Helmus

Regarding the application of Dennis Helmus, Councilor Nash informed members that Mr. Helmus served as the Human Resources Director in Greenfield for many years and has been an active voice in Ward 3. There have been times when they haven't always agreed, but he has been a great deliberator with neighbors. He is quite smart and would be a great addition to the COA board.

Councilor Nash made a motion for a positive recommendation. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

Conservation Commission – Application of Elizabeth Wroblecka

Councilor Carney said she spoke to Ms. Wroblecka, and she is a perfect fit for the Conservation Commission being a conservation attorney herself. She is well-versed in conservation law and has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a number of years. She has said she is very interested in helping city staff decipher pieces of conservation law.

Councilor LaBarge moved a positive recommendation. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

Energy & Sustainability Commission – Applications of Benjamin Weil and Ashley Muspratt

Councilor Bidwell said he spoke with Mr. Weil last week. He is a UMass professor in Building Science and Building Energy and is very interested in the work of the Energy and Sustainability Commission. He is well-informed about the Community Choice aggregation issue and is aware of the need for future agenda items to address the Columbia Gas natural gas service moratorium in Northampton. He is very on top of the issues and eager to serve.

Councilor Bidwell moved to forward the appointment with a positive recommendation.
Councilor Nash seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

She is very, very thrilled with Ashley, Councilor LaBarge enthused. Ms. Muspratt is thrilled to have the opportunity to interview for the Energy and Sustainability Commission. Having lived abroad in three African countries in the last decade, she is most looking forward to the ability to engage in local issues she is passionate about, Councilor LaBarge related. She has experience in both renewable energy and wastewater treatment.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the appointment with a positive recommendation.
Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

Public Shade Tree Commission – Application of Jay Girard

Mr. Girard is very thrilled to get back on the Public Shade Tree Commission and she highly recommends him, Councilor LaBarge confirmed. Mr. Girard would like to remain on the commission for several reasons. He was on the original tree commission ten years ago at which time he thought they were struggling to do a good job because the city had no tree warden and they were not really supported by the DPW. They have made great strides in the last two years under the new tree commission to improve the city's tree landscape, having planted hundreds of trees and completed a tree inventory for the city. He is a certified arborist and has collaborated with Rich Parasiliti, the new Highway Superintendent and Tree Warden. He believes he can use his experience to benefit the city.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the appointment with a positive recommendation.
Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

B. 18.025 Appointments to Housing Partnership, License Commission and Trust Fund Committee - referred to City Services on February 1, 2018

Councilor Carney referred to Section 2-10 of the Charter, which requires that a standing committee make a recommendation to the full city council on an appointment not less than 7 nor more than 45 days after the referral. Since the appointments were just referred to City Services on February 1st, the committee is barred from making a recommendation until its next meeting, she explained.

Members agreed that Councilor LaBarge will speak with Julio Alves, Councilor Bidwell will talk to Helen Kahn and Councilor Nash will contact Gerald Budgar. Formal recommendations on the three appointments will be put on the next agenda.

6. New Business

A. Set Meeting Schedule

Members agreed to keep the regularly-scheduled meetings on the first Monday of the month at 4 p.m. March 5th will be the next meeting, it was noted.

Councilor Carney recalled that, during the last term, the committee had a thematic meeting where they brought in a few departments to talk about the opioid situation. They could do something similar in conjunction with retail marijuana sales, she proposed.

Members discussed. The public might be interested in seeing how the Board of Health is involved in the inspection and regulation of marijuana dispensaries, Councilor Nash suggested.

He and Councilor Sciarra are getting together later this week to talk about the community forum in Community Resources, Councilor Bidwell reported. That forum is going to be focused on broader policy issues rather than the nitty-gritty of enforcement and administration, he noted.

The Board of Health has looked at a general ban on public smoking, Councilor Bidwell added. He has never quite understood why it's been talked about and never moved on.

The Committee would typically communicate with the Mayor's office to request the presence of city staff at a regular meeting, Councilor Carney advised. She said she would contact the Mayor's office to see if the Board of Health is available on March 5th.

Councilor Nash suggested also having the police around enforcement issues. His question to the chief would be, "What do you anticipate is going to go on that would be an additional burden in enforcement?" he clarified.

Councilor Bidwell moved to adjourn. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**LAURA KRUTZLER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**



MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ

City of Northampton

Office of the Mayor

210 Main Street Room 12

Northampton, MA 01060-3199

(413) 587-1249 Fax: (413) 587-1275

mayor@northamptonma.gov

DATE: February 1, 2018

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Please find the attached appointments and re-appointments to City Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Housing Partnership

Julio Alves, 35 Fort Hill Terrace, Northampton

Term: January 2018-June 2021

(Replacing expired term of Patty McGill)

License Commission

Helen J. Kahn, 188 Federal Street, Florence

Term: January 2018-June 2021

(Replacing term of Elaine Reall)

Trust Fund Committee

Gerald Budgar

Term: November 2017-June 2021

(Reappointment)

cc: City Clerk

To Council
2/1/2018



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Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

City of Northampton Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Please return the completed form to: Mayor@northamptonma.gov or David J. Narkewicz, Mayor 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

First Name*

GERALD

Last Name*

BUDGAR

Title, if applicable

Address1*

127 BRIDGE ST.

Address2

City*

NORTHAMPTON

State*

MA

Zip*

01060

Home Phone

584-2964

Work Phone

-

Cell Phone

-

Occupation & Place of Employment

RETIRED

Email

gbudgar@rcn.com

Are you a Northampton resident?

- Yes
- No

Years Lived in Northampton

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Age

This information is optional and will be used for diversity purposes only. Complete it only if you wish to do so.

- Under 29
- 30 - 39
- 40 - 49
- 50 - 59
- 60 - 69
- 70 plus

Sex

This information is optional and will be used for diversity purposes only. Complete it only if you wish to do so.

- Male
- Female

Racial / Ethnic Background

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Boards and Committees

Please indicate the boards and committees you have an interest serving on.

- Agricultural Commission
- Arts Council
- Assessors, Board of
- Central Business Architecture Committee
- Community Preservation Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Council on Aging
- Disability Commission
- Energy & Sustainability Commission
- Health, Board of
- Historical Commission
- Housing Partnership
- Human Rights Commission
- License Commission
- Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Planning Board
- Public Shade Tree Commission
- Redevelopment Authority
- Registrars, Board of
- Transportation & Parking Commission
- Trust Fund Committee
- Whiting Street Fund Committee
- Youth Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Please list "other" board or committee of interest

What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?*

I have served on the Trust Fund Committee for several years and helped bring the operations of the fund up to date. We have better investment procedures and I've helped the City Treasurer and fellow committee members implement the city's fossil fuel policy. I feel my investment knowledge will be of great assistance as we continue to monitor the performance of our invested monies.

Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?*

No

Yes

Please list other city committees you have served on

NORTHAMPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Required: Please read the following, by signing below you state that you understand and agree.

The filing of this form does not guarantee my appointment. An application is kept on file for two (2) years; after that I must file a new application. Being appointed to a committee, board, or commission means that I am considered a Municipal Employee under MGL Chapter 268A and thereby subject to Conflict of Interest Law MGL Chapter 268A, Financial Disclosure Law MGL Chapter 268B, as well as Open Meeting Law MGL Chapter 39: Section 23B. I understand that I will take the conflict of interest test after being appointed and that I also must be sworn in by the City Clerk. I will contact the appointing authority with any questions about my service. Important: Once this form is submitted it becomes a public document, if there is information you do not want open to the public please do not include it on this form.

Signature*

Grady Budger

Date*

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Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov>

Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

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Please return the completed form to: Mayor@northamptonma.gov or David J. Narkewicz, Mayor 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

First Name	Helen
Last Name	Kahn
Title, if applicable	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Address1	188 Federal Street
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Florence
State	MA
Zip	01062
Home Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Work Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Cell Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Occupation & Place of Employment	Currently unemployed
Email	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Are you a Northampton	Yes

resident?

Years Lived in Northampton	19
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Age	40 - 49
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Sex	Female
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Racial / Ethnic Background	Caucasian
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Boards and Committees	License Commission
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Please list "other" board or committee of interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	Former cafe owner Familiarity with licensing requirements in Northampton
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Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	No
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Please list other city committees you have served on	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Signature	Helen J. Kahn
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Date	1/18/2018
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Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov>

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Please return the completed form to: Mayor@northamptonma.gov or David J. Narkewicz, Mayor 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

First Name	hard J Julio
Last Name	Alves
Title, if applicable	Field not completed.
Address1	35 Fort Hill Terrace
Address2	Field not completed.
City	Northampton
State	MA
Zip	01060
Home Phone	Field not completed.
Work Phone	413-585-3033
Cell Phone	413-824-8559
Occupation & Place of Employment	Director, Jacobson Center for Writing, Teaching and Learning, Smith College
Email	jalves750@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	9
Age	50 - 59
Sex	Male
Racial / Ethnic Background	Field not completed.



Boards and Committees	Housing Partnership
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Please list "other" board or committee of interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	I have two sons who live in public housing, and I'm generally concerned about housing affordability in Northampton.
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Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	No
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Please list other city committees you have served on	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Signature	Julio Alves
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Date	12/11/2017
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