



## Committee on City Services and the Northampton City Council

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Chair: Councilor Maureen T. Carney

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Councilor James Nash

### MEETING AGENDA

**Date: December 3, 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. November 5, 2018 Minutes**

Documents:

[11-05-2018\\_City Services Committee.pdf](#)

**4. 2018 State Election Update**

City Clerk Pamela Powers

**5. Items Referred to Committee**

**A. 18.198 Appointments to Various Committees - Referred by City Council  
11/01/2018**

**Conservation Commission**

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Term: October 2018-June 2019

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**6. New Business**

**7. Adjourn**

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### Meeting Minutes

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Location: City Council Chambers

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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 Bidwell, Carney, LaBarge and Nash were present.

Also present: Health Department Director Merridith O'Leary

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no members of the public present, there was no public comment.

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Update on Hampshire HOPE, County-wide Response to Opioid Crisis

Health Department Director Merridith O'Leary updated members on the work of Hampshire HOPE, the coalition working to address the opioid crisis in Hampshire County.

Since 2000, opioid-related deaths in Massachusetts have increased by 450%, O'Leary reported. This rate of increase is like nothing they have ever seen before; it has actually surpassed the AIDS epidemic in its rate of expansion, she indicated. In 30 minutes, five people in the country will die of an opioid overdose. The death rate is one overdose fatality every six minutes in the United States.

The cost of addiction is economically going to break them if they continue to see the rates rise at this rate, but the economic consequence is hardly the greatest threat, she observed. She mentioned adverse effects such as family disruption, child abuse, domestic violence and negative health consequences as other costs associated with substance disorders.

In response to the increase in opioid fatalities, in 2015, the Northampton Health Department applied for a Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) grant and was awarded \$550,000 over the course of five years. What was born was called Hampshire HOPE, a multi-sector coalition that brings many different agencies and sectors to the table, she related.

As written, the grant proposal includes seven communities in Hampshire County. Over the last few years, participating communities have undergone an extensive needs assessment to see where to focus the use of grant funds. The grant has three main goals: 1) to reduce heroin and prescription drug misuse and addiction, 2) reduce the number of opioid deaths and 3) help more people recover from heroin and prescription drug addiction.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) introduced a grant program in 2017. The Northampton Health Department submitted a proposal. They didn't think they had a chance in hell to receive it but they did receive it. Northampton was awarded \$1.7 million over the course of several years to extend its work. Of 22 grants awarded, Northampton was the only city in the country to receive a grant.

The goal of the grant application was to increase the availability of Narcan in the community, including making sure every Police Department in the coalition has Narcan available to it and its officers. Grant administrators had to work with unions and change departmental policies to get this done. They give police officers free Narcan and train them to administer it. With the support of the District Attorney's office, police officers can distribute Narcan on the scene to friends, families, etc. Narcan is not just distributed to police and EMS but is available to any citizen, she stressed.

A second goal of the program was to create post-overdose response teams, or Drug Addiction Response Teams (DART).

Getting data on opioid abuse/misuse "is very, very difficult," Ms. O'Leary shared. Health officials felt they needed to do something about this and so applied in 2018 for a community compact IT grant. The Northampton Health Department received \$100,000 to build a data system to support the work of Hampshire HOPE. The coalition has been nationally-recognized for the work that it is doing, she advised.

Ms. O'Leary presented overdose fatality data for communities in Hampshire County. In Northampton they have had four more overdoses since September 4<sup>th</sup>, the last date for which overdoses are recorded, she reported. Northampton's numbers far exceed those of the other municipalities.

Statistics show that for every fatality there are a certain number of non-fatal overdoses that are happening, O'Leary continued. 81% of fatalities from 2016 forward have an incident-rate of fentanyl being involved in one form or another.

Ms. O'Leary presented demographics of overdoses, commenting that opioid addiction doesn't discriminate – it affects people of all ages from all backgrounds.

Health officials really pour attention into delaying first use by youth, she shared.

Although more men die than women, both groups are at risk. Statistics show that men are more likely to die from heroin while women are more likely to die from prescription drugs. Her theory is that women are more likely to go through the health care system, O'Leary volunteered.

Ms. O'Leary showed an overview of where deaths have occurred; she actually could narrow the data to the street but doesn't want to identify it more specifically for HIPAA reasons, etc.

O'Leary reviewed other activities/programs of the coalition. All work is channeled through Hampshire HOPE, she confirmed. Among other things, program coordinators provide trainings for businesses. Trainings have been held at the Smithsonian Chowder House and Forbes Library, among other places. Certain businesses have been significantly affected; for example, there have been six overdoses in the bathroom outside Herell's discovered by 17-year old workers, she noted.

Hampshire HOPE representatives have done community-wide trainings and held many municipal trainings. They train all municipal employees on how to handle sharps and administer Narcan. Northampton Housing Authority (NHA) properties are next on their list.

Hampshire HOPE employees have also put needle disposal boxes in public bathrooms in all city buildings and will follow this by putting Nalo boxes in buildings. Nalo boxes will have two doses of Narcan. These have been in prototype at Brown University and health officials have outfitted a lot of buildings in Rhode Island with them. They are thinking of putting the Nalo boxes with AED's in public buildings and are going to work with NHA to get them in NHA properties. Eventually they are thinking of getting Narcan out on the street. Public use Narcan is going to be available.

Hampshire HOPE recently had an overdose vigil in Pulaski Park and set up a 'Safe Shapes' exhibit there, a model of a safe injection site monitored by medical professionals. While Hampshire HOPE and the City of Northampton sponsored this exhibit there are still mixed feelings about whether they should do it in the Pioneer Valley, she acknowledged.

Ms. O'Leary touched on other Hampshire HOPE programs, including DART teams, the opioid database, monthly articles in the Daily Hampshire Gazette, the Good Samaritan program and Safe Storage Campaign. She also mentioned a project to transform a wall of pictures [of overdose victims] into a mobile visual aid (quilt). They have beautiful quilts they will be donating to the recovery center, she shared. Most important is the community outreach and connectivity provided by the coalition. "We couldn't do our work without the people in recovery . . . We need their voices at the table," she added.

Twelve police departments in Hampshire County have functional DART teams and there is a DART hotline in the Health Department manned 24/7, she continued. She referred to the last page of a handout which showed inputs and outputs to opioid database. They have Memorandums of Agreement (MOA's) with various groups to input data on a regular basis and are hopefully going to do a soft launch of the database in February. Its value will be so worth the work going into it, she asserted.

Ms. O'Leary passed out materials that have been created through the Health Department, including cards for police officers and a list of Hampshire County treatment resources. It used to take two mgs. of Narcan to bring someone back; now, with fentanyl, it takes four doses of four mgs. If Narcan is administered and there is not an overdose, it will not do any harm.

Members asked questions and offered comments.

Some businesses (probably 20) have attended trainings and taken Narcan back to the business. They just had a training at the senior center last week.

Councilor Bidwell asked about post-overdose response teams.

The initial concept was that it was just going to be police officers and a recovery coach, Ms. O'Leary explained. In either the hospital or emergent treatment setting, a first responder would ask the person if they could contact them afterwards. A recovery coach and police officer would go and make a point of contact with the person. It isn't about getting the person to a treatment facility, it is about meeting that person where they are in life. DART team members want to make sure they have clean needles, make sure they have Narcan, talk to them about not using alone, provide transportation to follow-up medical appointments, etc. The majority of people aren't ready for rehab at that time; it might take three or four overdoses.

Councilor Bidwell asked who the recovery coaches are.

Hampshire HOPE funds a little of the recovery coaching. They didn't realize when they wrote the SAMHSA grant how huge a component recovery coaches would be. They did include some funding for coaches in the proposal. CHD has a couple of recovery coaches and there are five from another agency. DPH supposedly at some point is going to make this a reimbursable cost through insurance but, until then, coaches just make little money - \$12 or \$13 an hour. DPH is realizing this is a model that could be used all throughout Massachusetts and is giving thought to how to make it more sustainable, she related.

Councilor Bidwell wondered aloud if the coalition is seeing any impact from the widespread availability of Narcan. It might be too early, he acknowledged.

It is too early to tell, Ms. O'Leary confirmed. They have asked people who receive Narcan boxes to report their usage to them. They have distributed 1,000 doses and are only getting back data from police departments. They don't require recipients to provide personal data.

"I don't think we're going to see a decrease in deaths for a while; I think it's going to increase," she suggested. So many initiatives on the state and federal level are going to impact drug users, she pointed out. With fentanyl introduced into the heroin supply, they are going to see deaths increase, she suspects.

Councilor Carney asked what the repercussions are for someone who calls to report an overdose.

In Massachusetts the Good Samaritan law should prevent negative consequences, Ms. O'Leary said.

Councilor Nash and Councilor LaBarge both said they would be interested in training. Ms. O'Leary said she would be happy to offer a training to the city council.

Councilor Bidwell said she should be very proud of this model. Cancer Connection has broken down cancer incidents by location but don't break it down too far. It would be helpful even if they could break it down by ward, he suggested.

Members thanked Ms. O'Leary for her presentation.

4. **MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2018**

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2018. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

5. **ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

A. **18.189 Appointments to Various Committees - Referred by City Council - 10/18/2018 Planning Board**

**Terry Culhane**, 5 Stearns Court, Northampton

Term: October 2018-June 2019

*to fill the unexpired term of Dan Felten*

He didn't talk to Mr. Culhane because he's in Viet Nam but they communicated by e-mail, Councilor Bidwell said. Mr. Culhane was on the Board of Public Works for many years, including during the development of the stormwater utility, and was tremendously effective in that role. He really enjoyed that and kind of misses involvement in something important in the city. He became very interested in serving on the Planning Board so, when something opened up, he applied. He thought his breadth of experience and knowledge would be very helpful, Councilor Bidwell concluded.

Councilor Bidwell moved to send the appointment of Terry Culhane forward with a positive recommendation. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

**Transportation and Parking Commission**

**Adam Novitt**, 17 Hooker Avenue, Florence

Term: October 2018-June 2021

*To fill the vacancy left by the expired term of Christa Grenat*

The Transportation and Parking Commission (TPC) had two openings for citizen members and is on the verge of getting both seats filled, Councilor Nash reported. Debin Bruce is one, and Adam Novitt is the other. Mr. Novitt was a member of the High-speed Rail Committee Councilor Nash chaired several years ago. He has worked for the city in the GIS department and has used cameras to study the movement of traffic and turnover of parking spaces downtown. "This is the kind of person we want on the TPC," and he is very excited he has submitted his name, Councilor Nash enthused.

Councilor Nash moved to forward the appointment of Adam Novitt to the TPC with a positive recommendation. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

**Trust Fund Committee**

**Jake Dissinger**, 8 Stowell Street, Leeds

Term: October 2018-June 2021

*To fill the vacancy left by the expired term of Staunton Williams*

Mr. Dissinger has been wanting to get involved in a volunteer capacity for some time. He has acquired great appreciation for the work of town government and wants to volunteer to keep the town growing and vibrant over the years.

The Trust Fund Committee aligns very closely with what Mr. Dissinger does for work so he feels he can bring deep knowledge and experience to this particular board. As part of his current job at MassMutual he serves on the investment committee which manages \$2.5 billion in trust assets. In addition to investment selection, almost more important is the experience he has gained in acting in the client's best interests at all times. He believes he would be a great asset to this committee and thanks members for the opportunity to apply. If selected, he looks forward to serving to the best of his abilities.

Councilor LaBarge moved to make a positive recommendation to the City Council. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

Councilor Carney said she hadn't formally confirmed Pam Power's availability for the December meeting but would confirm with her. However, Mrs. Krutzler said she had verbally informed Mrs. Powers that the committee would be interested in having a presentation on the election, and Mrs. Powers said she is available.

For the newly-referred appointments, Councilor Carney reviewed the assignments: Councilor LaBarge is to review Randy Krotowski, Councilor Nash is to review Jeromie Whalen and Councilor Bidwell is to review Alexander Jarrett

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7. **Adjourn**

**Councilor LaBarge moved to adjourn. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.**

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# MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ

City of Northampton

Office of the Mayor

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mayor@northamptonma.gov

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DATE: October 30, 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:

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Forwarded to Carolyn 4/2/18

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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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To: mayor@northamptonma.gov

Mon, Apr 2, 2018 at 10:01 AM

## 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	Randy
Last Name	Krotowski
Title, if applicable	Field not completed.
Address1	171 Emerson Way
Address2	Field not completed.
City	Florence
State	MA
Zip	01062
Home Phone	Field not completed.
Work Phone	Field not completed.
Cell Phone	413-588-2091
Occupation & Place of Employment	Semi-retired and self employed doing part-time IT consulting for tech startups in Boston and Silicon Valley.
Email	Randy Krotowski
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	3
Age	50 - 59
Sex	Male
Racial / Ethnic Background	Caucasian

Boards and Committees

Conservation Commission, Planning Board

Please list "other" board or committee of interest

*Field not completed.*

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

We relocated to Northampton 3 years ago after doing a year's search for a retirement location where we could put down roots. My directly applicable experience includes construction engineering and environmental remediation earlier in my career. My more general experience includes decades of experience in governance and decision making (I worked for large corporations and was trained as a decision facilitator) and exposure to the planning and permitting process in several communities in which we lived (14 moves between Canada, West Coast, South and Midwest). I volunteer with a number of organizations related to the Pioneer Valley entrepreneurial community but looking for more direct involvement and a way to contribute in Northampton. My LinkedIn profile is <https://www.linkedin.com/in/randykrotowski/>.

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

No

Please list other city committees you have served on

*Field not completed.*

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

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Signature

Randy Krotowski

Date

4/2/2018

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Name: Alexander Jarrett  
 Address: 8 High St, Florence, MA 01062  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: 413-586-8031 Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 413-570-0360  
 Occupation: hauling & delivery Years lived in Northampton: 20  
 Northampton Resident:  Yes  No

Please indicate the Committee(s) you have interest serving on: *(Appointment subject to vacancies)*

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

What skills and experience will you bring to this Committee assignment:

*(attach additional sheet or resume if necessary)*

See attachment.

Are you currently serving or have you served on any City committee:  No  Yes\*

*(\*If yes please state what committee)* \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE Alexander Jarrett DATE 10/28/2018

Please Return Form To: [Mayor@northamptonma.gov](mailto:Mayor@northamptonma.gov) or  
 David J. Narkewicz, Mayor, 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

**OPTIONAL INFORMATION**

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

Age:

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

Sex: M  F \_\_\_ Racial/Ethnic Background white \_\_\_\_\_

**What skills and experience will you bring to this Committee assignment:**

I've lived in cooperative housing for most of my time in Northampton, and have assisted others in purchasing multi-family properties cooperatively. I've developed my facilitation and cooperative governance skills with my 15 years as a worker-owner at the Pedal People Cooperative.

Affordable housing is very important to me personally. Many people I know struggle to remain in Northampton due to rising rents and housing costs. I bring energy to empower people with skills and legal structures that will help them stay here, and to help them organize to fight for their rights.

I bring lots of ideas and energy to research them. I want to create more opportunities for home ownership, for example through cooperative housing and community land trusts. I want to help the city pursue every opportunity for affordability: alternative tax strategies, encouraging home sharing, incentives and programs to encourage residents to rent apartments or rooms at lower than market rate, and encouraging zoning changes that permit lower cost housing.



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

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Mon, Jun 4, 2018 at 1:58 PM

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

First Name	Jeromie
Last Name	Whalen
Title, if applicable	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Address1	31 Union Street
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Northampton
State	Massachusetts
Zip	01060
Home Phone	4137272201
Work Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Cell Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Occupation & Place of Employment	Technology Teacher, Northampton Public Schools
Email	<a href="mailto:jeromiewhalen@gmail.com">jeromiewhalen@gmail.com</a>
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	0
Age	30 - 39

Sex	Male
Racial / Ethnic Background	White
Boards and Committees	Arts Council, Historical Commission, Human Rights Commission
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	Technology Teacher, Northampton High School (2014-Present) B.A. American History, UMass Amherst 2011 M.Ed. Learning Media and Technology, UMass Amherst Vice President, Board of Directors for Northampton Community Television
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Signature	Jeromie Whalen
Date	6/4/2018

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