



Committee on City Services and the Northampton City Council

Committee Members:

Chair: Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge

Vice-Chair: Councilor Karen Foster

Councilor Rachel Maiore

Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.

MEETING AGENDA

Date: September 8, 2021

Time: 4 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

The September 8, 2021 City Services Committee meeting will be held via remote participation. The public can follow the committee's deliberations by joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. The meeting will be recorded for later broadcast on Northampton Open Media (Channel 15) and uploaded to the Northampton Government Video Archive on YouTube.

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Participant #: #

Password: 224410

1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

2. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

This meeting is being audio/video recorded.

3. Public Comment

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

A. Minutes of July 26, 2021

Documents:

[07-26-2021_City Services Committee.pdf](#)

5. Discussion with Northampton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Chair Marilyn Richards

6. Items Referred to Committee

A. 21.316B Appointments to Various Committees, referred by City Council - 8/19/2021

~~Council on Aging~~

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~~Term: September 2021-June 2024~~

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Reappointment

Documents:

[21.316B Appointments to Various Committees.pdf](#)

7. New Business

8. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

Date: July 26, 2021

Virtual Meeting

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 4 p.m., Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge (Chair) called the meeting to order. On a roll call, Councilor LaBarge, Councilor Karen Foster (Vice Chair), Councilor Rachel Maiore and Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr. were present. Also present was Administrative Assistant Laura Krutzler

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING

Councilor LaBarge announced that the meeting was being audio/video recorded.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

4. MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2021 AND JUNE 7, 2021

Councilor Quinlan moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2021 and June 7, 2021. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

5. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

A. 21.304 Appointments to Various Committees, referred by City Council - 7/15/2021

Council on Aging

Michael Ford, 6 Massasoit Street, Northampton, MA

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the appointment of Michael Ford to the Council on Aging to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Historical Commission

Steven Moga, 89 Marian Street, Northampton

WMAIA Nominee

Term: August 2021-June 2024

To fill a vacancy as the WMAIA representative

Dr. Moga is a professor at Smith College and has a doctorate in urban planning from MIT, Councilor Quinlan related. In his research in city planning, he seeks to understand how people have defined urban problems and how they have articulated a vision of a better city. He moved here in 2014 and bought a home on Marion Street in 2015. Dr. Moga worked for 10 years as a preservation planner before getting involved in education and has quite a bit of public meeting experience, so he feels very comfortable in a public setting. He joined the Historical Commission meeting and met Martha Lyons who was kind enough to suggest that he join the board. He is not an architect but can bring experience with architectural history and urban planning and consider questions from that perspective.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the appointment of Steven Moga to the Historical Commission to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Trust Fund Committee

Joseph Wilhelm III, 54 Prospect Street, Northampton

Term: August 2021-June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Councilor Foster said she had a great conversation with Joseph Wilhelm yesterday. Mr. Wilhelm is a retired lawyer and income tax preparer. He served on the Selectboard in Williamsburg and the Council of Governments in Hampshire County, so he has a strong background that is pretty relevant to this committee and deep understanding of how many of these processes work. He is interested to learn more about the trusts the city is managing and the fine details of these accounts. He understands investing although he is not himself an investor. He decided to apply because of an email she sent out to Ward 2. This is clearly aligned with his background and interest.

Councilor Foster moved to forward the appointment of Joseph Wilhelm III to the Trust Fund Committee to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Maire seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Urban Forestry Commission

Robert Postel, 44 Washington Avenue, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Councilor Foster moved to forward the appointment of Robert Postel to the Urban Forestry Commission with a positive recommendation. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

Robert is very good at bringing in new tree planters and is very gracious, Councilor Maire commented. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Whiting Street Fund Committee

MariJon “MJ” Adams, 60 Norwood Avenue, Florence

Term: August 2021-June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Councilor Maiore said it was great to talk to "MJ" because she has heard her name a lot. She has been an active member of the community for a long time, is presently the Community and Economic Development Director in Greenfield and was either the treasurer or did some financial work for First Churches for a long time. She was contemplating volunteering for the housing partnership but thought it might be a little too intensive. She was trying to find a way to use her skills and address affordability issues, so she thinks it's a great match.

She said she applied because of Councilor Foster's call for applicants. (Councilor Foster said she provided a link to the city website along with a couple of highlighted opportunities.)

MJ brought up that the description of the Whiting Street Fund Committee contains a line that is pretty offensive. It says that the will of Mr. Whiting Street is to be used for the ease and comfort of the 'worthy poor.'

The term used is 'worthy poor' but there were further specifications in the will as to how the money could be used,, Councilor Quinlan explained. He wanted it to be used for stability; for example, to help pay rent so someone wouldn't lose their home. He didn't want it to be used for a shelter. Originally, the fund was set up to receive applications from individuals. When Mayor Narkewicz changed the terms to accept applications from nonprofits, he had to negotiate with the arbiters of the will, which was quite a negotiation process.

He agreed that it stands out as a funny expression in today's language.

Councilor Maiore to forward the appointment of MariJon "MJ" Adams to the Whiting Street Fund Committee to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

Councilor LaBarge said she has used the fund on many occasions for residents throughout the city. She has seen people use it to help them keep their apartments and to pay an electric bill. This significant change is much different than it was before. She agrees they should look at the language.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

6. New Business

Councilor LaBarge said she had a lengthy talk with Marilyn Richards and she was very honored to come to their meeting on September 7, 2021 at 4 p.m. [Editor's note: the meeting date was subsequently changed due to a conflict with Rosh Hashanah.] She asked councilors to please submit questions to Marilyn ahead of time.

Councilor LaBarge said she herself wants to know 'what the housing board's actual responsibilities are.

She asked members to think about a guest for the month of October. She has heard a lot in recent days about councilors' roles with respect to streets.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilor Foster moved to adjourn. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion carried 4:0 by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ

City of Northampton

Office of the Mayor

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Northampton, MA 01060-3199

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DATE: August 19, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Please find the attached appointment to City Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

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Reappointment

Whiting Street Fund Committee

Michael Shaughnessy, 575 Bridge Road, Unit 11-5, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Joseph Misterka, 312 Chesterfield Road, Leeds

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Andrea Murray, 54 Day Avenue, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2023

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Thu, Jul 29, 2021 at 5:18 PM

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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	Benjamin
Last Name	Weil
Title, if applicable	Extension Assistant Professor of Building Science
Address1	123 Audubon Road
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Leeds
State	MA
Zip	01053
Home Phone	4133200619
Work Phone	4135451820
Cell Phone	4133200619
Occupation & Place of Employment	Professor. UMass Amherst
Email	benjamin.weil@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	16
Age	50 - 59
Sex	Male
Racial / Ethnic Background	White

Boards and Committees Energy & Sustainability Commission

Please list "other" board or committee of interest *Field not completed.*

What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment? I am an expert in building science and energy systems. I have a Ph.D. in Environmental Studies from Univ. of Calif. Santa Cruz, and worked for several years as an energy auditor, air sealing and insulation installer, and energy consultant prior to my current extension, teaching and research position at UMass. I have consulted with the city on several projects relating to municipal buildings.

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

Please list other city committees you have served on Energy and Sustainability

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

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Signature Benjamin Weil

Date 7/29/2021

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First Name	Melissa
Last Name	Fowler
Title, if applicable	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Address1	87 Chesterfield Road
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Leeds
State	MA
Zip	01053
Home Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Work Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Cell Phone	413-977-0455
Occupation & Place of Employment	Construction Project Manager - Self Employed - Fowler Consulting Services LLC - Working mostly with Western Builders for the last 4 years.
Email	melissa@goodstrongbean.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	29
Age	50 - 59

Sex	Female
Racial / Ethnic Background	Caucasian
Boards and Committees	Planning Board
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	<p>I have been working in the Construction industry since 1987 as a mechanical engineer and construction manager. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from UMASS and a Master's Degree in Construction Management from the University of Florida.</p> <p>I'm a native of Northampton, born at Cooley Dickenson and graduated from Northampton High School in 1984. I moved away for College in 1991 and returned in 2012 to raise my then 5-year old son in Northampton. We were living in Metro Boston and I didn't want that childhood for him. I wanted him to grow up in the Pioneer Valley like I did.</p> <p>My skills are Project Management and Construction Management of Themed, Industrial, Commercial and Residential construction for the past 33 years. I worked for Disney as an Imagineer for almost 10 years; managing design and construction of new attractions at Walt Disney World. After that, I went on to manage design and construction of luxury estate homes in the Metro Boston area - homes up to 20,000 sf and \$20M. My work path has also taken me through a genetic research facility in San Francisco CA, the first ever female management trainee for the Gilbane Building Co in Providence RI, production home building in Orlando FL, hotel renovations in Fort Myers FL and Kansas City KS and construction management in all 4 theme parks and 2 water parks at Walt Disney World FL.</p> <p>For the past 4 years I have been working almost exclusively with Western Builders here in the Pioneer Valley. I managed construction of the 5 new apartment buildings at the end of Paradise Road at Smith College. I built the Pet Hotel in Hadley. I've estimated, bid and have been awarded numerous projects for Western Builders, including the Sargent House on Main Street in Northampton and another housing unit up on Village Hill (which I still remember of course as the State Hospital). I'm currently finishing a 3-year program of renovations at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield MA, including re-finishing all the panels on the outside of the Sphere last Summer. I'm also currently co-managing a 150-unit Assisted and Independent Living facility in Hudson MA.</p>

Throughout these 33 years I have become proficient at



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First Name	Christian
Last Name	Tait
Title, if applicable	Field not completed.
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Address2	Field not completed.
City	Leeds
State	MA
Zip	01053
Home Phone	Field not completed.
Work Phone	Field not completed.
Cell Phone	4135597722
Occupation & Place of Employment	Project Manager- Baystate Health
Email	41tait@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	20
Age	40 - 49
Sex	Male

Racial / Ethnic Background	White
Boards and Committees	Planning Board
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	Currently on Planning Board. I have 15+ years experience as a Professional Engineer consultant specializing in Land Development. The last 5 years as a Project Manager for Baystate Health.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	Yes
Please list other city committees you have served on	Associate Member of Planning Board
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Signature	Chris Tait
Date	8/4/2021

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First Name	Jami
Last Name	Albro-Fisher
Title, if applicable	Mr.
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City	Northampton
State	MA
Zip	01060
Home Phone	4135861225
Work Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Cell Phone	4133865909
Occupation & Place of Employment	Cyber security management, WellSky
Email	Jami.Albro.fisher@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	25
Age	50 - 59
Sex	Male

Racial / Ethnic Background	White
Boards and Committees	Transportation & Parking 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?	I am a frequent pedestrian, cyclist and motorist in Northampton. I have long advocated for reasonable accommodations for all road users. I am a former board member of MassBike, the statewide bicycle advocacy organization, and served on the CAC.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	Yes
Please list other city committees you have served on	CAC, TPC
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Signature	Benjamin Albro-Fisher
Date	8/16/2021

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Last Name	Novitt
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Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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State	MA
Zip	01060
Home Phone	413-5173987
Work Phone	4135871500
Cell Phone	4132701772
Occupation & Place of Employment	Director, Lilly Library
Email	taxonomy@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	20+
Age	50 - 59
Sex	Male

Racial / Ethnic Background White.

Boards and Committees Transportation & Parking Commission

Please list "other" board or committee of interest I am sort of interested in Rec.

What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment? I've been a library director for many years now and understand the operations of a board. Prior to this I was on the Rail and Parking Committees. My wife is the a co-director at the Conway School so I understand some basic principals of planning. I walk, bike, drive and use Valley Bike Share in Northampton. I am a reasonable person.

Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee? No

Please list other city committees you have served on TCP, Parking, and Rail.

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Signature Adam Novitt

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