

1 **VOTE: 5-4-0**

2 **The motion passed with Councilor Stacey, Councilor Keller, Councilor Wright, and**
3 **Councilor Stramaglia opposed.**

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5 Chairman Bryant stated that the next item was the review of Council Representatives to Boards
6 and Committees.

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8 Manager Dillon stated that the packet had a list of Boards and Committees that required
9 representatives from the Council. The list also included the current member who had been
10 serving on the committee.

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12 Chairman Bryant stated that he would ask the Councilors for their preferences and asked for
13 volunteers for the Budget Committee. After looking around the table, Chairman Bryant remained
14 the Representative and Councilor Stacey remained the alternate. He then asked about a
15 Representative to the CIP Committee.

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17 Councilor Sweeney volunteered to remain as the Representative after Councilor Pelletier
18 declined.

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20 Chairman Bryant stated that Councilor Sweeney had that spot and then asked for a volunteer to
21 be the CART Representative.

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23 Councilor Sweeney volunteered.

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25 Chairman Bryant stated that the CART Representative would be Councilor Sweeney. He then
26 moved on to the Communications Committee.

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28 Councilor Wright volunteered to serve as the representative.

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30 Chairman Bryant stated that Councilor Wright would serve on the Communications Committee.
31 He then asked for a volunteer for the Conservation Commission.

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33 Councilor Bettencourt volunteered to serve as the Conservation Commission Representative.

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35 Chairman Bryant stated that next was the Depot Village Advisory Committee which the
36 Chairman was the representative to. Councilor Stramaglia was chosen as the Conservation
37 Commission alternate. Councilor Stacey remained as the GLSD Representative. Councilor
38 Withrow was chosen for the Historic District Commission and the Museum Committee. The
39 MBAC Representative was Councilor Stramaglia. Councilor Pelletier was chosen as the
40 Planning Board Representative and Chairman Bryant was the alternate. The Recreation Advisory
41 Committee was Councilor Stramaglia with Councilor Sweeney as the alternate, Councilor Keller
42 was chosen as the Hazmat Representative, The Road Stabilization Committee Representative
43 was Councilor Stacey, and the Economic Development Advisory Committee Representative was
44 Councilor Wright.

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46 Councilor Sweeney asked about appointing a representative to the Master Plan Committee.

1 Chairman Bryant asked about the Master Plan Committee.

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3 Manager Dillon stated that the Planning Board typically dictates that membership because they
4 set up the committee. In the past, they had a Selectman's Representative. They could discuss it
5 later once the Planning Board sets it up.

6
7 Chairman Bryant asked if any there were questions on the By-Laws.

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9 **MOTION:** by Councilor Sweeney

10 *Move to table discussion on the By-Laws until the June 5th Meeting.*

11 **SECOND:** by Councilor Withrow

12 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

13 **The motion passed unanimously.**

14
15 Chairman Bryant asked about addressing the Non-Public Meeting Requests & Rules of
16 Procedure.

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18 **MOTION:** by Councilor Sweeney

19 *Move to table discussion on the Non-Public Meeting Requests & Rules of Procedure until the*
20 *June 5th Meeting.*

21 **SECOND:** by Councilor Withrow

22 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

23 **The motion passed unanimously.**

24
25 **5. Interview Sessions – Boards, Committees and Commissions**

26 a) **Historic District Commission**

27 b) **Housing Authority**

28 c) **Conservation Commission**

29 d) **Recreation Advisory Committee**

30 e) **Economic Development Committee**

31 f) **Communications Committee**

32 g) **Ethics Committee**

33 Chairman Bryant stated that the Historic District Commission was first.

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35 Councilor Withrow asked how many vacancies were on each committee.

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37 Manager Dillon stated that the information was in the packet.

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39 **MOTION:** by Councilor Bettencourt

40 *Move to appoint Beverly Glynn to the Historic District Commission for a three-year term.*

41 **SECOND:** by Councilor Wright

42 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

43 **The motion passed unanimously.**

44
45 Chairman Bryant stated that next was the Salem Housing Authority.

1 Sandra Karp stated that she was finishing her first term on the Housing Authority and was asking
2 to be reappointed.

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4 **MOTION:** by Councilor Wright

5 *Move to appoint Sandra Karp to the Historic District Commission for a five-year term.*

6 **SECOND:** by Councilor Sweeney

7 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

8 **The motion passed unanimously.**

9
10 Chairman Bryant stated that Conservation Commission was up next.

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12 **MOTION:** by Councilor Bettencourt

13 *Move to appoint Linda Harvey to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term as a*
14 *regular member and Glen Edwards and Caitlin Fitzpatrick as alternates.*

15 **SECOND:** by Councilor Wright

16 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

17 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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19 Linda Harvey, Conservation Commission, stated that the Charter reduced the number of
20 members so that they only had one vacant seat instead of the two that the Conservation
21 Commission By-Laws required.

22
23 Councilor Wright stated that it was a mistake when they wrote the Charter. She asked about
24 adding a person to the Conservation Commission.

25
26 Councilor Sweeney stated that they could not change the membership until the Charter was
27 amended. They should make a list of fixes and vote on them all at once.

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29 **MOTION:** by Councilor Stacey

30 *Move to re-appoint Richard Murray, Kevin Richard, and Tom Woelfel to the Recreation*
31 *Advisory Committee for a three-year term.*

32 **SECOND:** by Councilor Keller

33 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

34 **The motion passed unanimously.**

35
36 Chairman Bryant called Ryan DeStefano up to speak about his application to the Rec Advisory
37 Committee

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39 Ryan DeStefano spoke about his background as a coach and working with the Recreation
40 Division Programs.

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42 Chairman Bryant called up Mr. Gibbs to speak next.

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44 Robert Gibbs stated that he had served on other Town boards in the past and been following
45 what had been happening with the Recreation Committee and Hedgehog Park.

1 Councilor Sweeney asked which was Mr. Gibbs preference for a committee assignment since he
2 had applied for a couple of them.

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4 Mr. Gibbs answered that it was the Communications Committee.

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6 **MOTION:** by Councilor Withrow

7 ***Move to appoint Ryan DeStefano to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a two-year term.***

8 **SECOND:** by Councilor Stacey

9 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

10 **The motion passed unanimously.**

11
12 Chairman Bryant moved to the Economic Development Advisory Committee. He asked how
13 many applicants there were for this Committee.

14
15 Manager Dillon stated that they had six because one withdrew. Stephen Pelle had withdrawn.

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17 Chairman Bryant listed the applicants as Carla Billingham, Bianca Carlson, Robert Hazelton,
18 and Baoguo Wei and stated that Gene Bryant had also withdrawn.

19
20 Mr. Bettencourt asked how many slots were on the committee.

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22 Chairman Bryant stated that it was undetermined. They had to write a charter for the committee.

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24 **MOTION:** by Councilor Bettencourt

25 ***Move to appoint Carla Billingham, Bianca Carlson, Robert Hazelton, and Baoguo Wei to the***
26 ***Economic Development Advisory Committee.***

27 **SECOND:** by Councilor Stacey

28 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

29 **The motion passed unanimously.**

30
31 Chairman Bryant moved to the Communications Committee and asked the candidates to come
32 forward and give their backgrounds.

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34 Aimee Cozza gave her background.

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36 William Georato gave his background which included having his own YouTube channel.

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38 Councilor Pelletier asked about using YouTube to get information out if he was appointed to this
39 committee.

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41 Mr. Georato stated that he would plan to do that if appointed.

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43 Councilor Bettencourt asked what he did for Blue Cross.

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45 Mr. Georato stated that he was in Member Services.

1 Chairman Bryant stated that they had heard from Mr. Gibbs, so he did not need to come up
2 again.

3
4 Kelly Moss gave her background and stated that she was on the Charter Commission and helped
5 create the idea for this committee.

6
7 Erin Murphy gave her background.

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9 Rene Rheault was not present.

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11 Mary Beth Stramaglia withdrew her application to the committee.

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13 Chairman Bryant stated that they had already appointed Mr. Wei to a committee, and he was not
14 here now.

15
16 Councilor Sweeney asked to add years for the terms in the motion for this committee.

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18 **MOTION:** by Councilor Stacey

19 *Move to appoint Robert Gibbs to a one-year term, Aimee Cozza and William Georato to two-*
20 *year terms, and Kelly Moss and Erin Murphy for three-year terms to the Communications*
21 *Committee.*

22 **SECOND:** by Councilor Withrow

23 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

24 **The motion passed unanimously.**

25
26 Chairman Bryant stated that they had eleven applicants for the Ethics Committee. He asked
27 Kevin Breen to come up.

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29 Manager Dillon stated that Mr. Breen had a work commitment and while he had hoped to make
30 it, he was not here now.

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32 Chairman Bryant called the next applicant up.

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34 Gene Bryant gave his background which included serving on a number of Town committees. He
35 had worked on an ethics code for the travel industry in the past.

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37 Anthony Conte gave his background as an attorney and his opinions about how he could help the
38 community.

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40 Councilor Sweeney asked about Mr. Conte's legal background.

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42 Mr. Conte stated that he had worked for the Department of the Interior as regional counsel for
43 the Northeast section and in real estate law prior to that.

44
45 Claudia DeFuria gave her background and the fact that she was new to Town committees.
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1 Chairman Bryant stated that Mr. Gibbs had already been appointed to his preferred committee so
2 they would pass over him for this one.

3
4 Donna Loranger gave her background. She was a big supporter of the Ethics Committee when
5 she was on the Charter Commission.

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7 Valerie Pierce was not present.

8
9 Barry Pietrantonio gave his background in dealing with ethics from working in the mental health
10 field.

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12 Pam Russell gave her background and stated that she had been a Town employee for thirty-one
13 years and also been involved in community activities as well.

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15 Marybeth Stramaglia gave her background as an attorney in Massachusetts.

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17 Jamie Thornock gave her background as an active-duty member working for the Department of
18 Defense. She stated that these were her views and not those of the Department of Defense.

19
20 Chairman Bryant asked about the size of the Ethics Committee.

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22 Manager Dillon stated that six Council members had to approve the appointment of the five
23 members and the terms needed to be staggered.

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25 Chairman Bryant gave the terms as a one-year term, two two-year terms, and two three-year
26 terms.

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28 Councilor Wright asked about making the appointments one at a time.

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30 Councilor Bettencourt stated that he thought they should do that.

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32 Chairman Bryant stated that they would do them one at a time.

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34 **MOTION:** by Councilor Sweeney

35 ***Move to appoint Anthony Conte to a one-year term to the Ethics Committee.***

36 **SECOND:** by Councilor Bettencourt

37 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

38 **The motion passed unanimously.**

39
40 Chairman Bryant stated that they had two two-year terms to fill.

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42 **MOTION:** by Councilor Bettencourt

43 ***Move to appoint Marybeth Stramaglia to a two-year term to the Ethics Committee.***

44 **SECOND:** by Councilor Wright

45 **VOTE:** 8-0-1

46 **The motion passed with Councilor Stramaglia abstaining.**

1 **MOTION:** by Councilor Stacey
2 *Move to appoint Pam Russell to a two-year term to the Ethics Committee.*

3 **SECOND:** by Councilor Bettencourt

4 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

5 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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7 **MOTION:** by Councilor Wright

8 *Move to appoint Donna Loranger to a three-year term to the Ethics Committee.*

9 **SECOND:** by Councilor Stacey

10 **VOTE:** 9-0-0

11 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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13 **MOTION:** by Councilor Wright

14 *Move to appoint Kevin Breen to a three-year term to the Ethics Committee.*

15 **SECOND:** by Councilor Keller

16
17 Councilor Withrow stated that she felt that the appointments should be for people who showed
18 up for this meeting and Mr. Breen did not.

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20 **VOTE:** 4-5-0

21 **The motion failed with Councilors Wright, Keller, Bettencourt, and Stramaglia.**

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23 **MOTION:** by Councilor Pelletier

24 *Move to appoint Eugene Bryant to a three-year term to the Ethics Committee.*

25 **SECOND:** by Councilor Bettencourt

26 **VOTE:** 8-0-1

27 **The motion passed with Councilor Stramaglia abstaining.**

28
29 Councilor Sweeney thanked everyone who attended. There would be more committees needing
30 members in the future.

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32 **6. Town Manager's Report/Questions from Board of Selectmen**

33 Manager Dillon stated that the next meeting was the NHMA training. It would be at the High
34 School.

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36 **7. Public Comment:**

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38 **8. Upcoming Meetings**

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- 40 • May 22, 2023 (Workshop with NHMA)
 - 41 • June 5, 2023
 - 42 • June 26, 2023

43 **ADJOURNMENT AT 8:23 P.M.**

44 **MOTION:** by Councilor Withrow

45 *Move to adjourn at 8:23 PM.*

46 **SECOND:** by Councilor Stramaglia

1 **VOTE: 9-0-0**

2 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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4 Notes/minutes taken by: Jeremiah Lamson

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6 Approved: Board of Selectmen

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8 Date Approved: June 5, 2023