

**Minutes**  
**Town Council Steering Committee Meeting**  
**March 22, 2021**  
**Via ZOOM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Matthew O'Brien, Jr.

**Present:** Matthew O'Brien, Jr., Jonathan Hand, Lisa Conant, Julie Blanchard

**Also present:** John Elsesser, Town Manager

**1. Acceptance of Minutes:**

Jonathan Hand moved to accept the minutes of the Steering Committee on February 22, 2021. Lisa Conant seconded the motion, which carried on unanimous vote.

**2. Reports:** None.

**3. Possible Recommendations/Boards & Commissions/Vacancies:**

Monthly reports were reviewed.

**4. Reappointments:**

**Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committee:** The Committee discussed Mr. Gemmell's qualifications. Jon Hand moved to recommend the reappointment of Joshua Gemmell to the Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committee, term to expire 3/3/2024. The motion was seconded by Lisa Conant and carried on unanimous vote.

**5. Appointments:**

**Ad-hoc Protected Spaces Stewardship Committee:** Jon Hand moved to recommend the appointment of William Glenney to the Ad-hoc Protected Stewardship Committee, term to expire 5/31/21. The motion was seconded by Lisa Conant and carried on unanimous vote. The Committee will reconfirm his interest in serving, since he was appointed to the Veterans' Memorial and Events Commission, but will forward to the Council at this time so as not to lose a month.

**Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committee:** Jon Hand moved to recommend the appointment of Wayne Daignault to the Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committee, term to expire 3/1/2024. The motion was seconded by Lisa Conant and carried on unanimous vote.

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**Human Rights Commission:** Jon Hand moved to recommend the appointment of Brenna Marquis to the Human Rights Commission, term to expire 1/1/2022. The motion was seconded by Lisa Conant and carried on unanimous vote.

**Human Services Advisory Commission:** Jon Hand moved to recommend the appointment of Beth Bauer to the Human Services Advisory Commission. The motion was seconded by Lisa Conant and carried on unanimous vote. It was confirmed that Ms. Bauer would be representing Second Congregational Church.

**Parks & Recreation Commission, Alt.:** Jon Hand moved to recommend the appointment of Michael King as an alternate to the Parks & Recreation Commission, term to expire 1/1/2023. The motion was seconded by Lisa Conant and carried on unanimous vote. Mr. King's qualifications include youth lacrosse and hockey.

**Parks & Recreation Commission, Alt.:** Jon Hand moved to recommend the appointment of Ashlee Pascarelli as an alternate to the Parks & Recreation Commission, term to expire 1/1/2023. The motion was seconded by Lisa Conant and carried on unanimous vote. Her tenure in town and activity in school sports was highlighted.

6. **Avery Shore Road Turnover to Town of Coventry:** The Committee quickly reviewed a letter from Attorney Richard Roberts in response to Gerald Park Association attorney's legal opinion. There was difference of opinion and more time is needed to compare and discuss.
7. **Consideration/possible action: declaration of racism as a public health crisis:** Due to the short timeframe for the Steering Committee meeting, this item was held over to the April meeting.
8. **Adjournment:**  
Jon Hand moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. The motion was seconded by Lisa Conant and carried on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Stone  
Town Council Clerk