

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 30, 2023

The Appointment Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Council George C. Tyros at 12:00 p.m. Appointment Committee Member Councilor's James Walsh and Judy Mack were present.

Also, present Mayor Michael Nicholson; Council on Aging Director Michael Ellis; and City Clerk Titi Siriphan.

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I. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting(s)

On a motion made by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Judy Mack, it was voted *viva voce* to waive the reading and accept the minutes of February 21, 2023, March 6, 2023, and March 31, 2023.

II. Appointments:

#11022 – A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Paul Crowley to the position of Council on Aging Member, for term expiring June 7, 2026.

Mayor Nicholson informed the Committee that this appointment was vacant due to the resignation of Patricia Jandris. He mentioned that Mr. Crowley is an active member of the community, active member at the Senior Center and has an extensive background through his business experience and is also an adjunct professor at Mount Wachusett Community College. He highly recommends his appointment.

Council on Aging Director Michael Ellis mentioned that Mr. Crowley brings a unique perspective to the board in terms of his financial expertise. He has established a weekly writer's club to engage seniors to be more expressive and bring them the skills to have the ability to write.

On a motion made by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Judy Mack, it was voted to recommend to the City Council to confirm *A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Paul Crowley to the position of Council on Aging Member, for term expiring June 7, 2026.*

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III. **New Business:**

A Measure Relative to Lapsed Appointments of the Current Status of Unfilled, Vacant or Expired Appointments and Confirmation.

Councillor James Walsh would like to thank Chairman Tyros for putting this item on the agenda for discussion and thanks the Mayor for the preparation and submission of the current listings. The Committee hasn't had much time to review the list and would like to discuss this further at the next Appointments meeting.

Mayor Nicholson informed the Committee that this was a document he created in his previous position that he carried over into this administration. They try to keep this document up to date as much as they can. One revision he has made was to include whether the position was compensated. He also included if it the position was a volunteer position with no pay.

Councillor Walsh would like to review appointments that have been lapsed.

Councillor Mack noticed that there were about 20 appointments that had lapsed. She appreciates the time to look into this further.

On a motion made by Councillor James Walsh, seconded by Councillor Judy Mack, it was voted to place this item on the next Appointments Committee meeting.

On a motion made by Councilor Walsh and seconded by Councilor Mack, it was voted viva voce to adjourn at 12:14 p.m.