



## *City of Rochester, New Hampshire*

### CITY COUNCIL – APPOINTMENTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

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### **Appointments Review Committee**

January 16, 2024

City Hall Chambers – Conference Room

5:15 PM

#### **Committee Members Present:**

David Walker, Chair  
Chuck Creteau  
Bryan Karolian  
Matthew Richardson

#### **Committee Members Absent:**

### **Minutes**

Chair Walker called the Appointments Review Committee meeting to order at 5:15 PM on January 16, 2024.

#### **New appointment(s):**

##### **John Gisis**

**Historic District Commission, Seat A (New Appointment, Regular member) *Term to Expire 1/2/2026***

Mr. Gisis gave an overview of his history within the City of Rochester as a lifelong resident, growing up in downtown.. Mr. Gisis stated that he is currently on the board of the Rochester Historical Society and has been active within the Community with his drone photography. He stated he is very interested in the history of the community and is hoping to become more involved.

The Committee asked Mr. Gisis his feelings on the recent development downtown of a 5-story buildings as well as other developmental progress within the City. Mr. Gisis stated that he felt that progress was inevitable and was not detrimental as long as it was allowable under City guidelines and if the developments were in keeping with the spirit and historical character of the area.

Councilor Creteau **MOVED** to recommend John Gisis to the City Council as a regular member of the Historic District Commission, Seat A, with a term to expire 1/2/26. Councilor Richardson seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**Candy Bailey**

**Historic District Commission, Seat H (New, Alternate Member) *Term to Expire 1/2/2025***

Ms. Bailey explained that she is a 50-year resident of Rochester, retired as a longtime employee of the Rochester School system, and is currently a Library Trustee and the Election Moderator for Ward 3.

The Committee asked Ms. Bailey her feelings on the recent development downtown of a 5-story buildings as well as other developmental progress within the City. Ms. Bailey stated that development is necessary within the City and emphasized the importance of consideration being given to the historical façades and character of the surrounding areas while staying within City ordinances and guidelines.

Councilor Creteau **MOVED** to recommend Candy Bailey to the City Council as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission, Seat H, with a term to expire 1/2/25. Councilor Karolian seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**Brett Veno**

**Historic District Commission, Seat I (New, Alternate Member) *Term to Expire 1/2/2026***

Mr. Veno explained that he holds a Bachelor's degree in history. He spoke of his interest in the lesser known aspects of Rochester's history, such as the rail lines, history of industry such as shoe making and the brickyard within the City, and its location as a vacation destination. Mr. Veno stated that with his current schedule and employment, he had plenty of time to devote to the HDC and was looking forward to getting involved.

Councilor Richardson **MOVED** to recommend Brett Veno to the City Council as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission, Seat I, with a term to expire 1/2/26. Councilor Creteau seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**Doug Lachance**

**Planning Board, Seat K (New, Alternate Member) *Term to Expire 1/2/2025***

Mr. Lachance explained his background in the City of Rochester as a former City Councilor and Mayor, as well as previous experience on the Barrington Planning Board. He stated that he is currently a realtor in the City and is looking for additional ways to serve the community and get involved. He felt that given his past experience, the Planning Board would be the best fit for him. The Committee discussed with Mr. Lachance his ability to remain unbiased and to weigh both sides of a case coming before the board. Mr. Lachance spoke about the need for progress within the City while not losing the character and small town feel of the community. He also discussed potential future uses for the Rochester Fairgrounds and the relationship between the City and RAMA.

Councilor Walker **MOVED** to recommend Doug Lachance to the City Council as an alternate member of the Planning Board, Seat K, with a term to expire 1/2/25. The Committee

briefly debated the motion. Councilor Creteau seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**Re-Appointments/Discussions:**

Chair Walker **MOVED** to approve all the below listed re-appointments as well as the elevation of Rick Healey from an alternate member on the Planning Board to a Regular Member with the term expirations as follows:.

**Kathleen Noble**

**Reappointment: Library Trustees, Ward 4 – *Term to expire 1/2/2027***

**Peg Higgins**

**Reappointment: Library Trustees, Ward 1 – *Term to expire 1/2/2027***

**Lance Powers**

**Reappointment: Zoning Board of Adjustments, Seat A, Regular Member *Term to expire 1/2/2027***

**Rick Healey**

**Planning Board, Seat A – Elevation from Alternate to Regular Member– *Term to expire 1/2/2027***

**Peter Bruckner**

**Reappointment: Planning Board, Seat E, Regular Member – *Term to Expire 1/2/2027***

Councilor Creteau seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Walker **ADJOURNED** the meeting at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Givara  
Deputy City Clerk