

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
INTERVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES – April 8, 2019**

5:45 p.m. - Conference Room B, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA

**INTERVIEW FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING**

At 5:45pm, members of the Board of Selectmen Interview Subcommittee Selectmen Dawn Rand and Leslie Rutan, along with Council on Aging Chair Adrienne Cost reviewed the application as submitted by Lee Beavers for one vacant seat on the Council on Aging. Ms. Cost reviewed the charge of the Council on Aging and Ms. Beavers discussed her interest in serving. The interview included a brief discussion of what Ms. Beavers would bring to the Council on Aging, including her love for the elderly, her professional work in the healthcare industry and her writing abilities.

**INTERVIEW FOR THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

At 5:55pm, Selectmen Rand and Rutan, along with Open Space Chair John Campbell reviewed the application as submitted by Brian Belfer for one vacant seat on the Open Space Committee. Mr. Campbell reviewed the charge of the Open Space Committee and Mr. Belfer discussed his interest in serving. The interview included a brief discussion of what Mr. Belfer would bring to the Open Space Committee, including his love of open space, his volunteer efforts on Town Cleanup Day and his extensive knowledge and maintenance efforts of the trail system as a member of the Trails Committee.

**INTERVIEWS FOR THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

At 6:10pm, Selectmen Dawn Rand and Leslie Rutan, along with Community Affairs Committee Chair Lisa Hodge reviewed the applications as submitted by Lisa Smith and Ruba AbdelHadi for two vacant seats on the Community Affairs Committee. Ms. Hodge reviewed the charge of the Community Affairs Committee and Ms. Smith and Ms. AbdelHadi discussed their interest in serving.

The interview included a brief discussion of what Ms. Smith and Ms. AbdelHadi would bring to the Community Affairs Committee. Both have strong backgrounds in marketing and advertising that would be an asset to the Committee. Ms. Smith was recruited by members of the Community Affairs Committee and is interested in getting involved in planning community events. Ms. AbdelHadi just recently moved to Town and as a new resident wants to engage in the community.

**INTERVIEWS FOR THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

At 6:30pm, Selectmen Dawn Rand and Leslie Rutan, along with Library Trustees Chair Michelle Rehill reviewed the applications as submitted by Joan Scott and Neeta Karanjkar for two vacant seats on the Board of Library Trustees. Ms. Rehill reviewed the charge of the Board of Library Trustees and Ms. Scott and Ms. Karanjkar discussed their interest in serving.

The interview included a brief discussion of what Ms. Scott and Ms. Karanjkar would bring to the Board of Library Trustees. Ms. Scott has a strong knowledge of the workings of libraries, having worked as a School Librarian for 17 years. She has participated in the Northborough Southborough School and Public Librarians Group and

has served on committees for the expansion of the Northborough Library. Ms. Karanjkar and her family are avid users of the Library. Her technical knowledge with social media and her experience with promoting websites, community development and planning fundraising events would be an asset to the Board of Library Trustees.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 2, 2019 MEETING**

Selectmen Jason Perreault and Tim Kaelin were present to approve the April 2, 2019 meeting minutes.

Selectman Kaelin moved the Subcommittee vote to approve the April 2, 2019 meeting minutes as amended; Selectman Perreault seconded the motion; both members voted in favor.

Selectmen Kaelin and Perreault exited the meeting at 6:45pm. The meeting continued with Selectmen Rand and Rutan.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENTS**

Selectman Rutan moved the Subcommittee vote to make the following recommendations for appointment to the Board of Selectmen at their April 22, 2019 meeting:

To appoint Lee Beavers to the Council on Aging for a three-year term to expire on April 30, 2022; and

To appoint Brian Belfer to the Open Space Committee for a three-year term to expire on April 30, 2022; and

To appoint Lisa Smith to the Community Affairs Committee for a three-year term to expire on April 30, 2022; and

To appoint Ruba AbdelHadi to the Community Affairs Committee for a three-year term to expire on April 30, 2022; and

To appoint Joan Scott to the Board of Library Trustees for a three-year term to expire on April 30, 2022; and

To appoint Neeta Karanjkar to the Board of Library Trustees for a three-year term to expire on April 30, 2022.

Selectman Rand seconded the motion; both members voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 25, 2019 MEETING**

Selectman Rand moved the Subcommittee vote to approve the March 25, 2019 meeting minutes as presented; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; both members voted in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Selectman Rutan moved the Subcommittee vote to adjourn; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; both members voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. March 25, 2019 Meeting Agenda
2. Lee Beavers - application to the Council on Aging
3. Brian Belfer – application to the Open Space Committee
4. Lisa Smith – application to the Community Affairs Committee
5. Ruba AbdelHadi – application to the Community Affairs Committee
6. Joan Scott – application to the Board of Library Trustees
7. Neeta Karanjkar – application to the Board of Library Trustees