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Meeting Recording:

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Members

Other Participants

Cllr. Heather Shand, Chair - Zoom

Cllr. Connie Preston (At-Large) – present

Cllr. Mark Wright (At-Large) - present

Agenda:

Public Hearings for the following appointments:

- APPT00466 Larry Giunta, Jr. 139 Crow Lane Associate Member ZBA 7/31/2027
- Re-Appointment APPT00475 Kevin Wallace 40 Oak St. Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission 3/15/2027
- Re-Appointment APPT00476 Robert Currier 3 Summit Pl. AFT 3/15/2026
- APPT00478 Edward Noymer 8 Lucey Dr. Historical Comm. 3/15/2027
- Re-Appointment APPT00477 Andrew Port 61 Water St. Dir. Planning & Development 3/15/2026
- Confirmatory APPT00474 Dennis Morel, Jr. 83 Bow Ridge Rd., Lynn Building Inspector2/15/2027

Cllr. Preston called the meeting to order as Cllr. Shand was participating via zoom.

Meeting called to order at 6:00.

APPT00466 Larry Giunta, Jr.- Associate Member ZBA

Mr. Giunta spoke to his experience being the Ward 5 councillor for 6 years and his professional experience working with building contractors and HVAC dealers. Wanted to continue giving back to the community and thought his experience in industry would be a good asset to the ZBA.

No public comment

Committee voted 3-0 to approve his appointment.

Re-Appointment APPT00475 Kevin Wallace Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission

Mr. Wallace was unable to attend the meeting but had connected with Cllr. Shand via email. Cllr. Shand spoke on his behalf stating he was the last original member of the Fruit Street Historic Commission and wanted to continue serving on the committee.

No public comment

Committee voted 3-0 to approve his reappointment.

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Re-Appointment APPT00476 Robert Currier AFT 3/15/2026

Mr. Currier spoke of his prior experience working for Stratford Housing corporation working on affordable housing on the Lowell Mill buildings. Spoke to the trust's need of a revenue source and discussed the Air BnB tax.

Public Comment

Glenn Richards, Chair of the Historic Committee, spoke to Mr. Currier's passion for affordable housing.

Committee voted 3-0 to approve his reappointment.

APPT00478 Edward Noymer Historical Comm. 3/15/2027

Mr. Noymer spoke to his time on the Historic Commission as the alternate and stated he was glad to be able to step up to a full position on the commission but was saddened that Joe Morgan was not being reappointed to the commission.

Cllr. Preston spoke to her disappointment as well.

Public Comment

Glenn Richards, Chair of the Historic Commision, spoke in support of Mr. Noymer's appointment.

Committee voted 3-0 to approve his appointment.

Re-Appointment APPT00477 Andrew Port Dir. Planning & Development 3/15/2026

Director Port spoke to his 13 years working on the council and his goals for this year regarding MBTA zoning in addition to other zoning rewrites needed in our codes. Councillors asked about possible addition to planning staff. Dir. Port agrees someone with zoning experience would be a good asset.

Public Comment

Glenn Richards spoke to Director Port's working with the historic commission and supported his reappointment.

Committee voted 3-0 to approve his reappointment.

Confirmatory APPT00474 Dennis Morel, Jr. Building Inspector 2/15/2027

Mr. Morel was not asked to be present for the hearing as he was already reappointed in a prior meeting.

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Committee voted 3-0 to for his confirmatory appointment to the building inspector.

Committee voted to adjourn 3-0