

City Council Committee Reports for 2024

Date: Jan 17, 2024 Recorder: McCauley

Public Works & Safety Committee

Councillors Attending		Others Attending	Address
James McCauley	<i>m</i>	<i>See notes</i>	
Jennie Donahue	<i>m</i>		
Heath Granas	<i>m</i>		
Byron J. Lane			
Ed Cameron			
Heather L. Shand			
Afroz Khan			
Connie Preston			
Ben Harmon			
Sharif I. Zeid			
Mark Wright			

AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION TAKEN

<i>Organizing discussion</i>	
<i>APPT445 1-8-24 Mark Spencer to W&S Commission</i>	<i>Approve 2-0</i>
<i>APPT460 1-8-24 Tim Rooney to Asst Hmaster/Shellfish Constab</i>	<i>Approve 2-0</i>
<i>APPT451 1-8-24 Paul Hogg to Shellfish Constable</i>	<i>Approve 2-0</i>
<i>APPT454 1-8-24 Enrico Caruso to Asst Hmaster/Shellfish Constab</i>	<i>Approve 2-0</i>
<i>APPT455 1-8-24 Joseph Sederquist to Asst Hmaster/Shellfish Constab</i>	<i>Approve 2-0 contingent</i>

Recording

You can copy the recording information below and share with others

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Agenda Items

Chair Cllr McCauley, Cllr Donahue, Cllr Granas (not present)

***Approval of Previous Minutes: N/A
Committee:***

Appt 445 Mark Spencer to W&S commission

Mark Spencer joined us in person. He oved here 7years ago, was looking to get more involved. The W/S Commission looked like a good fit. Purchased a water instrumentation company (Andover). He's been very involved in topics: water/waste water management, treatment options etc. He sees 2 challenges: Sustainability and PFAS.

Cnlr Donahue: Q about potential conflicts? Ans: he does not see that given his company's target market, but would recuse himself if it came to that.

Public Comment: none

Committee: Vote 2-0 approve.

Appt 460 Tim Rooney to Asst HMaster & Shellfish Constable

Tim Rooney joined us in person. Reappointment. He has been on since May 2020. Previous experience with NH Marine Patrol, enjoys his time on water, preaches boater safety to public.

Public Comment: none

Committee: Vote 2-0 approve.

Appt 451 Paul Hogg to Shellfish Constable

Paul Hogg joined via Zoom. This is a reappointment to the Shellfish Constable only. This title was added in 2017 after the shellfish beds were closed for years. Position oversees the public that works the clam flats (1-30 people depending on season), promote safety, point out oenteial dangers. All Clams need to be purified. Nbpt may lose its purification plant, currently closed due to storm damage. Only other plant in Gloucester, and it may impact the harvest here locally.

Public Comment: none

Committee: Vote 2-0 approve.

Appt 454 Enrico Caruso to Asst HMaster & Shellfish Constable

Enrico Caruso attended via zoom. This is a reappointment, been here for 20 yrs (appointed by Ralph Steele). Seen many changes on the River, feels current Harbormaster has made real positive improvements. Spends most time educating public on boater safety. Would like to see better means of communication with visitors from upriver who come down on personal watercraft. Is bilingual.2

Public Comment: none

Committee: Vote 3-0 approve

Appt 455 Joseph Sederquist to Asst HMaster & Shellfish Constable

Joe Sederquist had some trouble with zoom, so Chair reached out to him separately. Joe has been on this river for over 40 years. He holds a Large ton captains license (Master Captain) and has offered valuable insights to some of the larger ships that visit here. Spends a large part of role on boater safety. An amended version with updates is attached.

Public Comment: none

Committee: Vote 2-0 approve with condition that Chair speaks directly to Joe.

Good of Order.

Topics of interest: Status of Parks-DPS merge, Continual review of streets/sidewalk plan.

Motion to adjourn 2-0.