

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
INTERVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – August 11, 2021**

5:55 p.m. - Introduction to Remote Meeting

Selectman Rutan stated that this Open Meeting of the Board of Selectmen Interview Subcommittee was being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of June 16, 2021, an Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency and that all members of the Board of Selectmen Interview Subcommittee are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

Selectman Rutan noted that the Order allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. She added that ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. She noted that this meeting will be livestreamed, but will not allow for Public Comment. She indicated the various ways that the public may view this meeting as listed on the posted agenda.

Selectman Rutan stated that any votes taken this evening will be by roll call vote. She confirmed that the following persons were remotely present and could be heard.

Board of Selectmen Interview Subcommittee

T. Scott Rogers

Leslie Rutan

INTERVIEWS FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Remotely present:

Selectman Leslie Rutan

Selectman Scott Rogers

Council on Aging Chair Adrienne Cost

Applicant – Elizabeth Nasser – for her interview only

Applicant – Theresa Lee – for her interview only

Elizabeth Nasser

Ms. Nasser stated that she has been a Northborough resident for almost 12 years. Professionally, she is a clinical psychologist specializing in geriatrics and dementia. She works with a lot of Senior Centers and Councils on Aging in other communities. She feels that she can bring a unique perspective to improve the lives of the elderly. She can also share her experience with programs and services that she is familiar with from her work with State agencies and other communities. This would be her first experience in volunteering on a Board or Committee.

Ms. Cost was present and was able to view and listen in on the interview, but was experiencing technical difficulties and was unable to unmute herself to speak. Selectman Rutan reviewed the scope of the Council on Aging and the meeting schedule on her behalf.

Selectman Rutan explained that following tonight's interviews the Interview Committee will discuss and vote on their recommendation for appointments for the Board of Selectmen's consideration at their meeting on August 23rd.

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES – JULY 14, 2021

Selectman Rogers moved the Subcommittee vote to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Selectman Rutan "aye"
Selectman Rogers "aye"

INTERVIEWS FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING CONT. . .

Theresa Lee

Ms. Lee stated that she has been a Northborough resident for 21 years. Professionally she has served as an Executive and a Consultant in strategic fundraising and management. She recently started working at Tower Hill Botanic Garden where she leads fundraising efforts. She feels that the Council on Aging would be a good fit considering her background in fundraising. She also teaches a fundraising class at Boston University. She is a natural planner and loves to listen and contribute in terms of strategic thinking. The Council on Aging would be the only Board that she would be volunteering on. Lastly, she added that through her work at Tower Hill she sees a direct connection to the interests of seniors, especially those who live in Northborough.

Ms. Cost was present and was able to view and listen in on the interview, but was still experiencing technical difficulties and was unable to unmute herself to speak. Selectman Rutan reviewed the scope of the Council on Aging and the meeting schedule on her behalf.

Selectman Rutan explained that following tonight's interviews the Interview Committee will discuss and vote on their recommendation for appointments for the Board of Selectmen's consideration at their meeting on August 23rd.

INTERVIEWS FOR THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Remotely present:

Selectman Leslie Rutan

Selectman Scott Rogers

Historic District Commission Chair Norm Corbin

Applicant Amanda Derosier Millette – for her interview only

Applicant Jeanine Vitale was not present for her interview. Selectmen Rutan and Rogers decided to move forward with the next interview.

Amanda Derosier Millette

Ms. Millette stated that she has been a resident of Northborough for 25 years. She has been involved with the Historical Society for a number of years. She started the Facebook Group

page called “Save the White Cliffs”. She loves history and is interested in preserving the history of the Town. She has not served on any other Boards or Committee in Town. She would be interested in raising awareness, especially for the younger generation, about the Historic District Commission and what they do.

Mr. Corbin reviewed the scope of the Historic District Commission and the projects they are working on. He also reviewed the typical meeting schedule. He added that to have someone on the Commission who grew up in town would be great in helping to engage the younger generation.

Selectman Rutan explained that following tonight’s interviews the Interview Committee will discuss and vote on their recommendation for appointments for the Board of Selectmen’s consideration at their meeting on August 23rd.

DELIBERATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT

Council on Aging

Selectmen Rutan and Rogers were informed by the meeting host that Council on Aging Chair Adrienne Cost had sent an email stating that she welcomes both candidates to the Council on Aging.

Selectman Rutan noted that there are two openings on the Council on Aging. The term for one will expire in April, 2023 and the other will expire in April, 2024.

Selectmen Rutan and Rogers agreed that both candidates would be a valuable addition to the Council on Aging considering their qualifications and experience in fundraising and networking.

Selectman Rogers moved the Subcommittee vote to recommend Theresa Lee for appointment to the Council on Aging for a term to expire on April 30, 2023 at the August 23, 2021 Selectmen’s Meeting; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Selectman Rogers “aye”
Selectman Rutan “aye”

Selectman Rogers moved the Subcommittee vote to recommend Elizabeth Nasser for appointment to the Council on Aging for a term to expire on April 30, 2024 at the August 23, 2021 Selectmen’s Meeting; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Selectman Rogers “aye”
Selectman Rutan “aye”

Historic District Commission

Selectman Rutan noted that Jeanine Vitale was not present for her interview. Mr. Corbin will reach out to her to see if she is still interested in serving on the Historic District Commission.

Both Selectmen Rutan and Rogers had no hesitation in recommending Amanda Derosier Millette to the Historic District Commission considering her background and interest in the Town's history.

Selectman Rogers moved the Subcommittee vote to recommend Amanda Derosier Millette for appointment as an Alternate Member on the Historic District Commission for a term to expire on August 30, 2024 at the August 23, 2021 Selectmen's Meeting; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Selectman Rogers "aye"
Selectman Rutan "aye"

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. August 11, 2021 Meeting Agenda
2. July 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes
3. Application to the Council on Aging
4. Applications to the Historic District Commission