

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
INTERVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – November 30, 2022**

3:00 p.m. - Introduction to Remote Meeting

Selectman Hirsh stated that this Open Meeting of the Board of Selectmen Interview Subcommittee is being conducted remotely consistent with Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, an Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency and signed into law on July 16, 2022 and that all members of the Board of Selectmen Interview Subcommittee are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

Selectman Hirsh 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 this meeting will be livestreamed, but will not feature public comment. She indicated the various ways that the public may view this meeting as listed on the posted agenda.

Selectman Hirsh 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

Selectman Julianne Hirsh
Selectman Kristen Wixted

INTERVIEW FOR THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

At their meeting on September 26, 2022, the Board of Selectmen established a Temporary Traffic Safety Committee that will consist of seven (7) voting members to include a representative from the Board of Selectmen, a representative from the Planning Board and five (5) at-large citizen members appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The charge of the Temporary Traffic Safety Committee shall be to return to the Board of Selectmen with recommendations as to whether or not to form a permanent Traffic Safety Committee, including its membership and proposed charge, in no more than six months' time. This Temporary Traffic Safety Committee shall be disbanded upon conclusion or six months' time, unless extended by the Board of Selectmen.

Remotely present:

Selectman Julianne Hirsh
Selectman Kristen Wixted
Jennifer Scalise - Applicant

DPW Director Scott Charpentier was present to host the meeting and to answer any questions.

Jennifer Scalise

Ms. Scalise has been a Northborough resident for 5 years. She has three young children and lives on South Street. As a parent she is very passionate about safety for families. She has been working consistently with the Police Department and others to find solutions to

address the dangerous downhill curve on Route 135 near her home and would like to do the same in other areas in Town. She has available time to help research options on what other communities are doing to improve traffic safety. She is also a Northborough Girl Scout Leader and volunteers at Proctor School. She noted that the Sheriff's Department is a great resource and has a guide for starting a Traffic Safety Committee that includes some interesting ideas.

As Ms. Scalise pointed out on her application, she feels that a Traffic Safety Committee would create the facilitation of communications with Town officials through a presentation of the facts collected. In response to a question by Ms. Scalise, Mr. Charpentier responded that he is hoping to hold the first meeting of the Temporary Traffic Safety Committee before the holidays in an effort to get assignments to Committee members. With that in mind, the actual working meetings will begin soon after the holidays in order to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen within the next six months.

Selectmen Hirsh and Wixted thanked Ms. Scalise for her interest in serving on this Committee and informed her that the Interview Subcommittee's recommendation will be considered by the full Board at their next meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT

Selectmen Hirsh and Wixted both agreed that it was a great interview and appreciate that Ms. Scalise has already done some research. It was also noted that her South Street residence will complement the geographic makeup of the Committee nicely.

Selectman Hirsh moved the Interview Subcommittee vote to recommend Jennifer Scalise for appointment to the Temporary Traffic Safety Committee at the December 5, 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting; Selectman Wixted seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Selectman Hirsh "aye"
Selectman Wixted "aye"

ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Wixted moved the Interview Subcommittee vote to adjourn; Selectman Hirsh seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Selectman Wixted "aye"
Selectman Hirsh "aye"

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant

Documents used during meeting:

1. November 30, 2022 Meeting Agenda
2. Jennifer Scalise Application