



City of Rochester, New Hampshire

CITY COUNCIL – APPOINTMENTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Appointments Review Committee

October 17, 2023

City Hall Chambers – Conference Room

5:30 PM

Committee Members Present:

James Gray, Chair

Dana Berlin

Laura Hainey

Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Amy Malone

Ashley Desrochers

Minutes

Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM on October 17, 2023.

Deputy City Clerk Cassie Givara took the roll call attendance. Councilors Gray, Berlin, and Hainey were present. Councilors Malone and Desrochers were absent.

New appointment(s):

Dennis Raymond

Conservation Commission, Seat I, New Alternate Member –*Term to expire 1/2/2025*

Mr. Raymond explained that he has lived in Rochester since 2018. He was encouraged to become involved with the Conservation Commission by his neighbor, who is a current member. Mr. Raymond spoke about his philosophy on conservation and the actions toward sustainability he has taken on his property. Mr. Raymond stated that he has attended several Conservation Commission meetings to become acquainted with the process and the work they are reviewing. The Committee discussed with Mr. Raymond the Conservation Committees' role in particular issues and how the Conservation Commission can work to affect change while working within their purview as well as State law and City Ordinances.

Mr. Raymond explained that sustainability is an issue that he believes in, and he sees the Conservation Commission as an opportunity to help make a positive impact on the land, water, and wildlife within the City. He hoped to use this opportunity to participate in making changes for the greater good.

Chair Gray informed Mr. Raymond of training opportunities which are offered each spring for land-use boards and encouraged Mr. Raymond to take advantage of these trainings.

Councilor Berlin **MOVED** to recommend Dennis Raymond as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission, Seat I, with a term to expire 1/2/2025. Councilor Hainey seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Re-Appointments/Discussions

Alexandra Van Binsbergen

**Recreation & Arena Commission, Seat C –
Reappointment, Regular Member – *Term to expire
1/2/2026***

Kevin Barry

**Recreation & Arena Commission, Seat D –
Reappointment, Regular Member – *Term to expire
1/2/2027***

Dale Bickford

**Recreation & Arena Commission, Seat F –
Reappointment, Regular Member – *Term to expire
1/2/2027***

Councilor Berlin reported that he serves on the Recreation and Arena Commission as the City Council representative and all the above-listed candidates who are up for reappointment have been valuable to the commission and are always present at every meeting. Councilor Berlin **MOVED** to recommend to full City Council the reappointments of Alexandra Van Binsbergen, Kevin Barry, and Dale Bickford as detailed above. Councilor Hainey seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Gray **ADJOURNED** the meeting at 5:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Givara
Deputy City Clerk