



*City of Rochester, New Hampshire*  
CITY COUNCIL –  
APPOINTMENTS REVIEW COMMITTEE  
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**Appointments Review Committee**

September 22, 2022

City Hall Chambers – Conference Room

6:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:**

James Gray, Chair

Laura Hainey, Vice-Chair

Dana Berlin

**Committee Members Excused:**

Ashley Desrochers

Amy Malone

**Minutes**

Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on September 22, 2022.

**New appointment(s):**

**Lexy van Binsbergen - Recreation and Arena, Seat C (New Appointment, Regular member)  
Term to Expire 01/2/2023**

Ms. van Binsbergen reported that she had been working for the Portsmouth Recreation Department for over 20 years, with a focus on Portsmouth's aquatics facilities and working as a lifeguard instructor. Ms. Van Binsbergen stated that she has been in contact with Rochester's Recreation Department, sharing her expertise and experience in relation to Rochester's aquatics facilities. The Committee discussed the difficulties experienced with hiring and retaining lifeguards and Ms. Van Binsbergen shared her experience and ideas for this issue. The Committee consensus was that Ms. Van Binsbergen has the experience and knowledge that would fit well with the Rochester Recreation and Arena Commission.

Councilor Berlin **MOVED** to recommend to full Council the appointment of Lexy van Binsbergen to the Recreation and Arena Commission, Seat C, with a term to expire 1/2/2023. Councilor Hainey seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**Sarah Rowe - Arts & Culture Commission, Seat H (New Appointment, Regular member) Term to Expire 7/1/2023**

Ms. Rowe explained that she had moved to Rochester three years prior, and after working from home for several years, she was ready to get involved in her community again. She stated that one of her first exposures when moving to Rochester was at RiverStones Custom Framing,

which spurred her interest in Rochester's arts community. She relayed her experiences in the theater and arts as a child. Ms. Rowe explained that she has already attended several Arts & Culture Commission meetings and is excited to get more involved and be a more active contributor. Ms. Rowe invited all present to the Rochester Arts Awards at the Governor's Inn, scheduled for October 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Berlin **MOVED** to recommend to full Council the appointment of Sarah Rowe to the Arts & Culture Commission, Seat H, with a term to expire 7/1/2023. Councilor Hainey seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**Matthew Winders - Zoning Board of Adjustments, Seat B (Elevation from Alternate to Regular Member) Term to Expire 01/2/2025**

Mr. Winders explained that he is a current alternate on the Zoning Board, where he has served for approximately one year. Now that there is a regular position is open, he is looking to fill a more active role on the board. Mr. Winders stated that he has a current minor in Community Planning, which has a large component geared towards zooming. He felt that this knowledge would be relevant and beneficial on the Zoning Board. Councilor Hainey inquired about Mr. Winders other board memberships and whether he felt his meeting and school schedule was manageable. Mr. Winders reported that he is currently on the Historic District Commission, the Trustees of the Trust Fund, the Zoning Board, and working in the City Clerk's office for elections. He is able to manage his current schedule without issue.

Councilor Berlin **MOVED** to recommend to full Council the elevation of Matthew Winders from an alternate to a regular member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, into Seat B, with a term to expire 1/2/2025. Councilor Hainey seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Gray **ADJOURNED** the Appointments Review Committee meeting at 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Givara  
Deputy City Clerk