



## *City of Rochester, New Hampshire*

CITY COUNCIL –  
APPOINTMENTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

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### **Appointments Review Committee**

March 21, 2023

City Hall Chambers – Conference Room

5:30 PM

#### **Committee Members Present:**

James Gray, Chair  
Laura Hainey, Vice-Chair  
Ashley Desrochers  
Amy Malone (arrived at 5:39)

#### **Committee Members Excused:**

Dana Berlin

### **Minutes**

Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM on March 21, 2023.

#### **New appointment(s):**

##### **Stephen Foster**

**Zoning Board of Adjustments, Seat C, New Regular Member –Term to expire 1/2/2025**

Mr. Foster introduced himself to the Committee and explained that he had been in the Rochester area for almost 60 years and had been a property owner in Rochester since 1985. He gave his background and experience in property management and spoke about knowledge of the intricacies of zoning regulations. Mr. Foster indicated that he stays apprised of the recent applications before the ZBA and spoke about his approach to these requests and how he intends to do his homework and come prepared for his potential work with the ZBA. He spoke about the importance of protecting the core of the City and the historic district and limiting commercial encroachment, emphasizing the role of the Planning Board and ZBA.

Chair Gray explained that past practice has been for new applicants to a board to fill an alternate position during their first term while they become accustomed to the procedures. With an alternate member of the ZBA already requesting to be elevated to the open regular position, he asked if Mr. Foster would be open to an alternate position. Mr. Foster agreed that he would be open to an alternate position.

Councilor Malone **MOVED** to recommend Mr. Foster as an alternate member of the ZBA, Seat G, with a term to expire 1/2/2025. Councilor Desrochers seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**Dylan Dowe**

**Conservation Commission, Seat H, New Alternate Member – *Term to expire 01/02/2026***

Mr. Dowe detailed his 10+ years' experience working in public land, primarily through government entities. He expressed his interest in participating in a more grassroots/local role for conservation; in particular recreational uses for recently conserved land within the City. Mr. Dowe is a teacher at Bud Carlson. He has been regularly reviewing the City's meeting agendas, and was encouraged by Recreation staff to put in a statement of interest to get involved.

Chair Gray explained that there are trainings offered in the spring that are relevant to land use boards. He encouraged Mr. Dowe, if he is offered a seat on the Conservation Commission, to attend these trainings if he is able. He stated that he would send further information on these upcoming educational opportunities.

Councilor Desrochers **MOVED** to recommend Mr. Dowe as an alternate member, seat H, of the Conservation Commission with a term to expire 1/2/2026. Councilor Malone seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**Re-Appointments/Discussions:**

**James Connor: Zoning Board of Adjustments, Seat C – Request to be elevated from an alternate to a regular member *Term to expire 1/2/2025***

Councilor Malone **MOVED** to recommend the elevation of James Connor from an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments to a Regular Member Seat C, with a term to expire 1/2/2025. Councilor Hainey seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**James Connor: Historic District Commission, Seat D – Request to be elevated from an alternate to a regular member *Term to expire 1/2/2025***

Councilor Hainey **MOVED** to recommend the elevation of James Connor from an alternate member of the Historic District Commission to Regular Member Seat D, with a term to expire 1/2/2025. Councilor Malone seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Gray **ADJOURNED** the Appointments Review Committee meeting at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Givara  
Deputy City Clerk