



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Personnel Action Committee

Thursday, March 17, 2022 @ 6pm

**59 Court Street, Municipal Building
Westfield, MA 01085**

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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

AGENDA Minutes

Call meeting to Order @ 6:00 p.m.

Attendance - Brent Bean, Chair, Ralph Figy, James Adams, Michael Burns

Acceptance of the 3/3/2022 meetings minutes - Motion to approve made by Adams seconded by Figy - Approved 3-0

Public Participation - no one spoke

See attached sheet for all appointments bios & background

1. Submitting the reappointment of Kenneth Magarian, 131 Llewelyn Drive as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2025.
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0
2. Submitting the reappointment of Cheryl Crowe, 40 New Broadway, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2027.
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0
3. Submitting the reappointment of Jane Magarian, 131 Llewelyn Drive, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2027.
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0

4. Submitting the reappointment of Joseph Popielarczyk, 39 Breighly Way, as a member of the Water Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2025.
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0
5. Submitting the reappointment of Kathleen Witalisz, 37 Evergreen Drive, as a member of the Westfield Redevelopment Authority, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026.
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0
6. Submitting the reappointment of Mark Morin, 130 Llewelyn Drive, as a member of the Westfield Redevelopment Authority, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026.
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0
7. Submitting the reappointment of Thomas Woodson, 112 Squawfield Road, as a member of the Westfield Redevelopment Authority, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026.
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0
8. Submitting the reappointment of William R. Parks, 78 Granville Road, as a member of the Westfield Redevelopment Authority, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2027.
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0
9. Submitting the reappointment of Richard K. Sullivan, III, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0
10. Submitting the reappointment of Sofia Bitzas, 354 Falley Drive, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023.
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0
11. Submitting the appointment of Peter Lurgio, 51 Overlook Drive, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, to fill a vacancy due to the untimely death of Robert (Chico) Veronesi, for the term to expire the first Monday of February 2023
Motion to approve made by Figy seconded by Adams - Approved 3-0
12. Submitting the reappointment of Christine Webster, 39 Blue Sky Drive as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, for the term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024

Adjourned @ 6:17 p.m.

I have been involved with the WRA as far back as Mayor Richard Sullivan, during the initial inception of the Urban Renewal Plan. It has gone through many iterations before being adopted as the plan we see today.

I feel honored to be a part of this committee and would love to see this current project to fruition.

My goal has always been to do what is best for our community and the citizens of Westfield.

Thank you for this opportunity for reappointment.

Kathy Wit

3/16/22

TO: Brent Bean, City Council, PAC chair

FR: Ken Magarian, Park Recreation Commission

Re: Re-appointment to Commission

I certainly would like to continue and be re-appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the City of Westfield.

My background and experience in administration (Athletics Director +) and past years serving as the assistant director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Nashua, NH has given me a well-balanced perspective as to how this department can be operated on a high level. Obviously my many years serving on the commission and past years serving on the Community Development Commission/Board has given me an abundance of experience here in the city of Westfield.

A new initiative I am part of (with the Planning Board/Bill Carellas) is that of a possible "Bike-Share" program between the City and Westfield State University. Our new president (Dr. Linda Thompson) is very much in favor of this potential new program. Parks and Recreation should also be part and parcel of this initiative.

Again – I would like to continue on the Parks and Recreation Commission via a re-appointment.

Thanks you,

Ken Magarian

Mark Morin,

Born and raised in Westfield. I'm currently a partner in a local CPA firm and have been a member of the WRA since 2011 (?)

City Council PAC Committee

City Hall

Westfield

March 14, 2022

Dear Brent B. Bean II, PAC Chair,

I am six years retired and a US Air Force Veteran. I've served as a Planning Board Member since 2013 as an Alternative, becoming a Fulltime member in 2016. I serve on the ArtWorks of Westfield, Inc. Board as the Treasurer and event Coordinator, helped facilitate with Mr. Harold Grinspoon and the Park & Recreation Board the beautiful Grinspoon sculpture "Epiphany" in the Kane/Wojtkiewicz Park installed December 2020, Westfield's Icon historical Penny Farthing Bicycles installation, and many other volunteer projects.

There is nothing more gratifying and rewarding than meeting and learning from Westfield's extraordinary people doing extraordinary projects for the greater good of our community.

I have the utmost respect and admiration for the existing Planning Board Members, including our Principal Planner Jay Vinskey. It is a sound Planning Board with various backgrounds of business professionals, military, retired teacher and two retirees of the working class. We listen to one another, learn and respect each other's thoughts in making decisions that is in the best interest of our city. I truly love being a member of Westfield's Planning Board and it would be an honor to remain as your Planning Board Member.

Thank you

Cheryl Crowe

Mr. Bean,

I'm very interested in continuing to serve on the City of Westfield ZBA. I have been a real estate attorney for nearly 25 years. I enjoy using my knowledge and experience to serve the members of the City of Westfield community. I think that zoning bylaws and ordinances are important to preserve our community and to balance the need for growth and development with the interests of the community in preservation.

I would be happy to answer any additional questions that you or any other board members may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Christine Webster

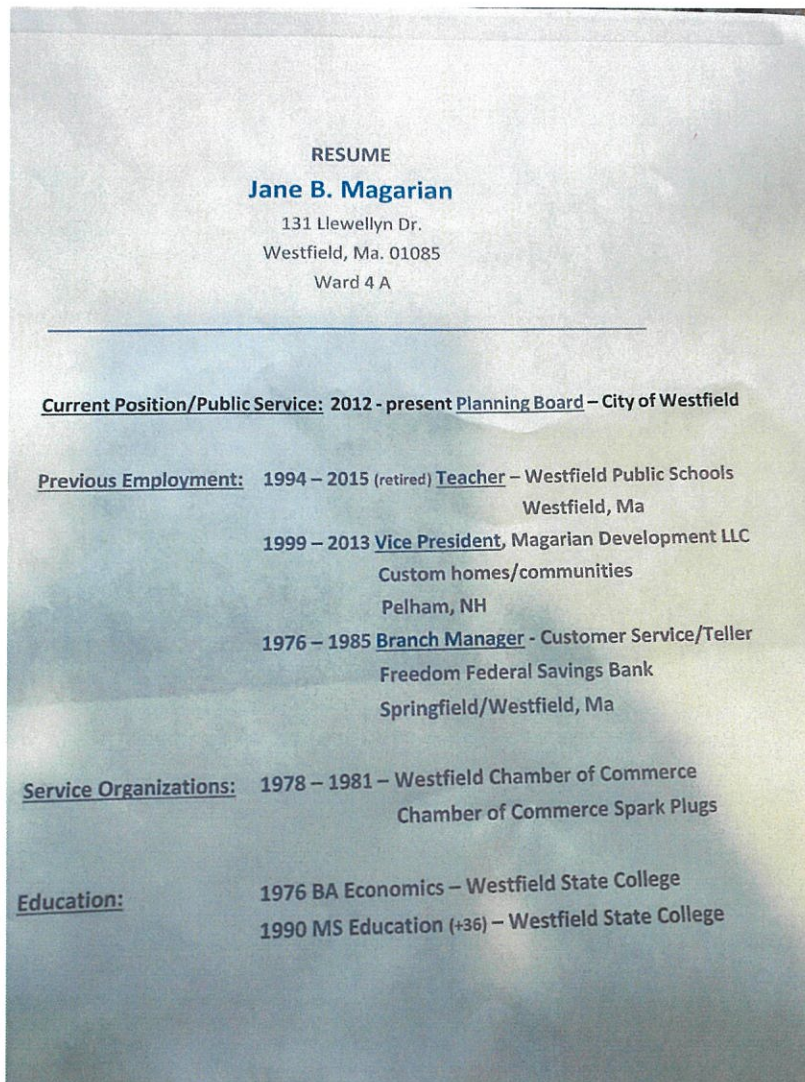
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Brent B.Bean II, PAC Chair

Dear Brent and City Council Members,

I have served on the Planning Board for 10 years and during that time there have been many changes to Westfield. I have enjoyed being part of that change and would love to continue serving Westfield in this capacity. I have attached my resume to give you insight as to my qualifications to continue as a Planning Board member. Thank you for your consideration and for all the City Council does for our city.

Sincerely,
Jane B. Magarian
Ward 4A



Brent Bean II,

I am still interested in participating in the Water Commission. I believe I have been on the commission since 2018. I have a bachelors degree in civil engineering and a masters degree in environmental engineering from UMass Amherst. I currently work for Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers as a project manager. I have been with them for almost 9 years. I am interested in continuing to serve on the Water Commission as I feel I provide value to the residents of Westfield with my professional and educational backgrounds and I thoroughly enjoy being involved with the group.

If there are any questions or if anything else is needed please let me know.

Thanks,
Joe

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January 13, 2022

Mayor Michael McCabe
59 Court Street
Westfield, MA 01085

Dear Señor Mayor,

My name is Peter Lurgio, and I'm writing to you to express my interest to be considered for a position on the Westfield Park & Recreation Commission.

I believe that my experience in education will be valuable to moving the commission in a positive direction. I've worked for Westfield Public Schools for 29 years and work daily with middle school students who thrive from their connection to the activities that the Parks & Recreation department provides. Additionally, prior to my being an administrator for the past 19 years, I was a physical education teacher in Westfield's elementary schools and middle school that promoted the benefits of physical activity every day, including piloting new activities at the middle school.

Not only have I worked for the Westfield Schools, I've also been an employee of the Parks & Recreation department, running soccer camps for Westfield's youth for about 20 years. I felt that we filled a need for our community and I felt valued by the department.

Perhaps most importantly, I'm a proud father of 3 sons who have been thrilled by every activity that their parents signed them up for. From camps to leagues and exploratory events, the boys benefitted so much from a

Brent Bean II,

I am writing to you to confirm my interest in continuing to serve as a member of Westfield Zoning Board of Appeals, as I understand my term has expired. I have served on the Board since my appointment from Mayor Knapik in the fall of 2013 and greatly enjoyed my time doing so.

As far as my professional background, I am an associate attorney at the law firm of Lyon & Fitzpatrick. I focus my law practice on residential & commercial real estate, estate planning, probate matters, and land use & zoning. My professional experience provides me with specific and practical knowledge to adjudicate matters that appear before the Board. I am uniquely able to consider zoning matters from both a municipal and constituent perspective, given my familiarity with zoning codes and the requirements for relief from such in various jurisdictions.

Please let me know if you need anything further from me.

Thanks,

Kick Sullivan

Good Morning Kaitlyn and Thank You!!

Brent, as you know I have been on the board since 2015 and have enjoyed being a part of the team. My legal experience having a JD and now as Director of Operations at an engineering firm has allowed me to further my knowledge of permitting and efforts that are required for design and compliance.

It is helpful to understand all aspects of a project and able to assess what relief, if any, can be granted. 😊

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve our City.

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March 7, 2022

Brent B. Bean II,
Chair, Personnel Action Committee
Westfield City Council
City of Westfield
59 Court Street
Westfield, MA 01085

Dear Councilor Bean,

It is an honor to be considered for reappointment to the Westfield Redevelopment Authority (WRA). Since my wife, who was born, raised, and educated in Westfield and daughter of parents who have continuously resided in Westfield since the early 1950's and have been part of the City's business community for over 50 years, and I moved to Westfield in late 2011, I have come to enjoy immensely calling myself a resident of the City and all it has to offer. Considering that, I believe it is important to give back to the community. As a member of the WRA, joining in February 2016, I believe my professional experiences, as a retired Colonel of the United States Marine Corps who specialized in logistic, have been valuable as the WRA has executed its tasks. I have lived in multiple communities around the world during my 30 years of active service that provided me with a different perspective I feel serves the WRA very well. In my time on the WRA we have gone through two rounds of requesting proposals for development of the vacant lot facing Elm Street. My experience in contracting and proposal development was very useful in preparing the proposals the City advertised and the review and scoring process used to make an informed decision. I feel my consensus building demeanor served the WRA well working with the other hard-working members.

I appreciate your consideration in allowing me to continue working on the WRA. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Thomas S. Woodson