



Personnel Action Committee

Minutes for meeting date 06/02/2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom per the Governor due to Pandemic
Committee Members – Ralph Figy (present), Richard Sullivan (present), Cindy Harris, chair (present)

Attendance by individual vote

Chair/Councilor Harris – Here

Councilor Figy – Here

Councilor Sullivan – Here

Before the narratives, Jay Vinskey, who sits with the Planning Board, supports all reappointments today and going forward. We have 4 reappointments, all on the Planning Board.

Agenda Item #1

Reappointment of Bernard Puza, 257 Falley Drive, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026.

Discussion:

Mr. Puza is employed by Anderson Cooperation as a Territory Sales Representative working with Architects in conducting AIA (American Institute of America) continuing education credit units in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He works with builders and developers on projects involving local lumberyards. His territory consists of Worcester County and all counties West holding \$17 million annually in sales. Before that for 17 years he worked for Servistar Corporation in Distribution and Quality Management increasing business in Massachusetts and Connecticut and assisting dealers to open new lumber/hardware locations. His professional memberships include the National Association of Homebuilders, Construction Specifications Institute, Northeast Lumberman's Association, Western MA Home builders Remodelers Association and Certified Green Professional.

His community involvement in regards to sports is extensive. He also serves as the PVPC Commissioner and previously served on the Historical Commission and briefly on Off Street Parking.

He was first appointed on Planning Board, March of 2017 as an Alternate Member, now called Associate Member and is still very interested in remaining on the Board as such.

Chair states, Councilors any comments, or you can make them at the Full Council Meeting or a motion to vote on reappointment.

Councilor Figy stated that Mr. Puza does a good job, brings insight, and his attendance at the meetings is noteworthy.

Councilor Sullivan stated that his Community Service is stellar and that the Planning Board is a difficult, multi-faceted Board, and thank you to Bernie (Puza) and all members of the Planning Board.

Motion to recommend the reappointment made by Councilor Sullivan – 2nd by Councilor Figy

By Individual Vote – Chair/Councilor Harris – Yes

Councilor Figy – Yes

Councilor Sullivan – Yes

Motion passes on a 3-0 Vote

Agenda Item #2

Reappointment of Robert Goyette, Jr, 25 Tiffany Circle, as a member of the Planning Board, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2025.

Discussion:

For Ward 5, Mr. Goyette was first appointed April 2016. He is President and Owner of Heritage Homes, Inc. He has an educational background in Finance and has 30 years in the construction field.

He previously was on the Airport Commission, served 10 years on the Board of the Greater Westfield Boys and Girls Club where as Chairman of the Building Committee, participated in overseeing the \$2.2 million “Raise the Roof” addition to that club. He also coached in the Park and Rec basketball for years. He is a lifelong resident of Westfield.

He considers it an honor to serve on this Board and feels his background is an asset to this Board, and is looking forward to continue serving.

Chair states, Councilors any comments, or you can share those at Full Council Meeting or a motion to vote on reappointment.

Councilor Figy stated that his community involvement is exemplary. Councilor Sullivan said his professional background is absolutely an asset and he strongly recommends and strongly moves for his reappointment.

Motion to recommend the reappointment made by Councilor Sullivan, 2nd by Councilor Figy.

By Individual Vote – Chair/Councilor Harris – Yes

Councilor Figy – Yes

Councilor Sullivan – Yes

Motion passes on a 3-0 vote for this reappointment.

Agenda Item #3

Reappointment of Cheryl Crow, 40 New Broadway Street, as a member of the Planning Board, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2022.

Discussion:

Ms. Crowe’s appointment as a full member was 05/2016, before that, being an Alternate (now called Associate) member.

Ms. Crowe served our Country in the U.S. Air Force from 1983 until 1992 receiving Commendation Medals and the National Defense Medal, and we thank her for her service. She has a B.A. from the University of North Dakota. She has warehouse supervisory experience at Excel, Westfield and Retail experience, and was extremely active in the Hampden Ponds Association, serving as Vice President, Project Coordinator to restore Hampden Ponds Park and involved in refurbishing the Association’s Building, including a new handicap accessible ramp, and assisted in fundraising. Since 2017 till now she has been involved with ArtWorks of Westfield as Treasurer and Event Coordinator.

She is Co-Chair of the Planning Board and states the Planning Board works well together. She states it is an honor to serve our City and wishes to remain a member citing that this Board has reduced continuance hearings and provides essential material on time for a Business seeking to locate in Westfield.

Chair states, Councilors any comments, or you can share those at Full Council Meeting or a

motion to vote on reappointment. Councilor Figy thanked her for her service. Councilor Sullivan thanked her for her service to our Country and our City for all her contributions.

Motion to recommend the reappointment made by Councilor Figy, 2nd by Councilor Sullivan.

By Individual Vote – Chair/Councilor Harris – Yes

Councilor Figy – Yes

Councilor Sullivan – Yes

Motion passes on a 3-0 vote for the reappointment.

Agenda Item #4

Reappointment of John Bowen, 38 Pinehurst Street, as a member of the Planning Board, for a term to expire the first Monday of First Monday of February, 2025.

Discussion:

Appointed in July 2017 as an Alternate (now called Associate), to Ward 1 Full Member in January, 2018, Mr. Bowen has been the Planning Board representative on the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the Planning Board representative on the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the Planning Board representative on the Community Preservation Committee and currently is the Planning Board representative as Alternate for the Community Preservation Committee.

He was a former Board Director at the YMCA, and former Vice President of Westfield FC League-Soccer League.

He is a Sales Manager at Integrated IT, Westfield, where issues resolution skills are necessary being involved in Customer Service. Previous to that he owned his own business Alarm Pro Security in Westfield, which merged with Mobius Works that then become Integrated IT. He has a well-balanced background in management, business and social skills, which is useful for this Board. Very important to Mr. Bowen is that Westfield remains a great City to raise a family and for business to thrive.

Chair states, Councilors any comments, or you can share those at Full Council Meeting or a motion to vote on reappointment. Councilor Sullivan state that he is very proud to make a motion for this reappointment, and Councilor Figy stated that he is equally proud to 2nd that.

Motion to recommend the reappointment made by Councilor Sullivan, 2nd by Councilor Figy.

By Individual Vote – Chair/Councilor Harris – Yes

Councilor Figy – Yes

Councilor Sullivan – Yes

Motion passes on a 3-0 vote for the reappointment.

Chair stated, any other comments.

Councilor Figy made a motion to accept minutes for 6/2/2021 (this meeting), 2nd by Councilor Sullivan.

By Individual Vote – Chair/Councilor Harris – Yes

Councilor Figy – Yes

Councilor Sullivan – Yes

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Figy, 2nd by Councilor Sullivan at 5:25PM
Individual Vote – Chair/Councilor Harris – Yes
Councilor Figy – Yes
Councilor Sullivan – Yes

Chair stated, Thank you Councilors
Meeting adjourned 5:25 PM
Minutes submitted by Cindy Harris, Chair 6/3/2021