Appointments Committee Meeting – Meeting held at Greenwich High School
December 7, 2021 - 7:00 PM

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance: Seven Districts were represented (D9, D10 & D11 by Alternates). Districts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8 were not represented. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Bob McKnight, Chairman

1) Roll call followed by Welcome remarks by the Chair.

2) Minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting were approved.

3) The committee considered the following candidate for the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (IWWA):
   Peter Lindroth
   Mr. Linderoth has been nominated to continue to be a Regular Member of the IWWA. He has served on the Board since 2017 and has been a resident of Greenwich since 2012. Mr. Linderoth received his MS in Environmental Science from Sacred Heart University and his BA in Environmental Science from The University of California. He is presently the Director of Water Quality for Save the Sound and volunteers and is the Chair of Mamaroneck Marine Education Center Advisory Council. He discussed the Agency’s excellent group dynamics, and the need to balance environmental concerns and ownership rights. He discussed the definition of wetlands and the importance of their protection.

   Peter Linderoth was recommended by a vote of 7-0-0.

4) The committee considered the following candidate for the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC):
   Bob Barolak
   The Committee interviewed Mr. Barolak, who has been a Town resident for 28 years and is a resident of District 5. He is an attorney, but his career has been in real estate finance and development, specializing in low and moderate income properties where he currently oversees the management of 13,000 units and has developed over 450 projects in his 40 year career. He earned a BA from Dickinson College and his JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Locally, Mr. Barolak was recently the Commodore of the Riverside Yacht Club. He discussed the Affordable Housing Task Force, incentives for development of affordable housing, Section 8 vouchers, 8-30g applications as well as in-fill housing.

   Bob Barolak was recommended with a vote of 7-0-0.
5) The committee considered the following candidate for the **Historic District Commission (HDC): Matthew Bernard**

The Committee interviewed Mr. Bernard, who has been a Town resident since 1974. He is a graduate of GHS, Connecticut College with a degree in Architecture and a MS in Real Estate from Columbia University. In addition to managing a mixed-use complex in California, Mr. Bernard is a commercial real estate broker in Greenwich and is the author of “The Historic Houses of Belle Haven Park”, an interest he has cultivated since high school, volunteering for the Historic Society and growing up in a 1890’s house.

Matthew Bernard was recommended with a vote of 7-0-0.

6) The committee considered the following candidate for the **Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (IWWA): Brian Harris**

Mr. Harris has been nominated to continue to be a Regular Member of the IWWA. He has served on the Board since 2009, is presently the Chair, and has been a resident of Greenwich since 1997. Mr. Harris received his MBA from Columbia Business School, MS from Columbia School of Architecture, and his BA from Cornell. He is presently a managing Architect focusing on design development and project management. He discussed the need to balance development and protection, and detailed 8-30G applications and IWWA regulations and concerns. Additional discussion on expert witness testimony in hearings. The Agency is presently short 3 members.

Brian Harris was recommended by a vote of 7-0-0.

Members were encouraged to seek RTM Member applicants for the LCC, Claims and AHTF Advisory Council for January of next year.

Next meeting date has not been scheduled. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.
Submitted by Jude Collins, Secretary.