

**CITY OF WOBURN
CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL
WOBURN CITY HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024 – 6:07 P.M.**

Voting members present: Chair Joanne Campbell, Councilor Joseph Demers, and Councilor Robert Toro

Non-Voting members present: President Jeffrey Dillon, Councilor Lou DiMambro, Councilor Robert Ferullo, and Councilor Charles Viola. Absent: Councilor William Pappalardo and Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen

Also present: Mayor Michael Concannon

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Reading and approval of meeting minutes of July 1, 2024: Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting of July 1, 2024, all in favor, 3-0.

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Appointment of Robert J. Klein to the Woburn Planning Board: Mayor Concannon said Mr. Klein has been very active in the community. He said Mr. Klein is a local business owner and a member of the Woburn Chamber of Commerce who has been involved with the rebuilding of that organization. He said Mr. Klein is interested in improving the city. Chair Campbell asked Mr. Klein to tell the committee about himself and why he wants to join the Planning Board. Mr. Klein said he is involved with a business that has been in Woburn for 29 years, started by his father. He said he grew up in Bedford but it feels like he has been in Woburn for most of his life. He said he looks at an appointment to the Planning Board as a further opportunity to immerse himself in the community. Chair Campbell asked Mr. Klein to elaborate on his role with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Klein said the Woburn Business Association morphed into the Chamber of Commerce, and he is the Vice President of the Board of Directors. He said he is prepared to step down from that role when he joins the Planning Board. He said a lot of changes were made during the transition to the Chamber of Commerce. He said former director Chris Kisiel helped the chamber do a 180-degree turn. Councilor Demers asked what experience Mr. Klein will bring to the board. Mr. Klein said he has a lot of real estate experience. He said he got his real estate license when he was 18. He said he also has a master's degree in mechanical engineering. Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Councilor Demers to suspend the council's rules to allow any member of the council not on the committee to address the appointment; approved, 3-0. President Dillon said he enthusiastically supports this appointment. He said he has gotten to know Mr. Klein at charity events. He said Mr. Klein seems to be very supportive of city activities. Councilor Demers said he likes the fact that Mr. Klein has experience in real estate and a master's degree in mechanical engineering. Motion made by

Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro to return to the regular order of business; approved, 3-0. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro that the appointment of Robert Klein to the Planning Board “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

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Re-appointment of Cassandra A. Connolly to the Commission on Disability: Mayor Concannon said Ms. Connolly is a candidate for re-appointment, and the Personnel Committee does not normally require candidates for re-appointment to appear before the committee. Mayor Concannon said Ms. Connolly is a special education teacher and is a lifelong resident of Woburn. He said she has been working with the Commission on Disability to make it more involved in the community. Councilor Toro said he previously served on the Commission on Disability and Ms. Connolly he can attest she worked hard. He said he will certainly be supporting her candidacy for another term on the Commission on Disability. Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Councilor Demers that the reappointment of Cassandra A. Connolly to the Commission on Disability “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

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Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro to adjourn, all in favor, 3-0. Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees