

**CITY OF WOBURN
CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL
WOBURN CITY HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 – 6:03 P.M.**

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

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

Also present: Mayor Michael Concannon

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Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion made by Councilor Toro and
seconded by Chair Campbell to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting of
August 26, 2024, all in favor, 2-0-1.

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Appointment of Susan Doherty Cashell to the Woburn Housing Authority: Mayor
Concannon said he is pleased to present Ms. Cashell for nomination to the Woburn Housing
Authority board. He said Ms. Cashell has extensive experience in housing. He said she is the
Executive Director of the Winchester Housing Authority. He said he thinks she will be a perfect
fit as a member of the Woburn Housing Authority board. Chair Campbell asked Ms. Cashell to
tell the committee about herself and why she is interested in joining the Woburn Housing
Authority board. Ms. Cashell said she has been involved in housing for 29 years, starting at the
Woburn Housing Authority and then moving to Lexington. She has been at the Winchester
Housing Authority for the past 24 years, first running the Section 8 housing program in that town
and the last four years as director. She said she thinks she can bring a lot of knowledge to the
Woburn Housing Authority board. She said she is well-versed in regulations and things of that

nature. Councilor Toro said Ms. Cashell has a phenomenal resume. He said he will vote in favor of Ms. Cashell's appointment. Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Chair Campbell to suspend the City Council's rules to allow any member of the council not on the committee to address the appointment; approved, 2-0-1. Councilor Mercer-Bruen said the Woburn Housing Authority board will be lucky to have Ms. Cashell. Councilor Viola said he thinks Ms. Cashell will be a great fit on the Woburn Housing Authority board. President Dillon said he is familiar with Ms. Cashell through real estate sales, brokerage and development. He said he has always found Ms. Cashell is able to navigate difficult situations. He said she is always professional. He said he cannot think of a better person to be nominated for membership on the WHA board. Councilor DiMambro said he is looking forward to what Ms. Cashell will bring to the WHA. Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Chair Campbell that the appointment of Susan Cashell to the Woburn Housing Authority board; approved, 2-0-1.

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Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Chair Campbell to adjourn, all in favor, 2-0-1. Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees