

Westwood Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 21, 2021 via Zoom
Planning Board to Attend Select Board Meeting

The Pursuant to Governor Baker's June 16, 2021 Order extending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL C. 30A, §18, the June 21, 2021 Planning Board meeting was conducted via remote participation by the Board via Zoom webinar. The remote meeting was video recorded by Westwood Media Center and was available on Comcast channel 12, Verizon channel 42 and on Westwood Media's YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-O4yJpkc3nw>

Planning Board Members Present: Chair Chris Pfaff, Vice Chair Dave Atkins, Kate Wynne, and Ellen Larking Rollings.

Staff Present: Town Planner Abby McCabe who recorded the minutes, Town Counsel Pat Ahearn, and Director of Community & Economic Development Nora Loughnane.

The Planning Board members attended the Select Board's meetings for a joint interview session to appoint a fifth member.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pfaff at 6:54 pm and did a roll call of Planning Board members.

Select Board Mike Walsh explained that the position on the Planning Board was vacated after Mr. Gotti resigned from the Planning Board after being elected to the Select Board. Both boards are here tonight to select a candidate to fill the seat until the next election in April. We received six applications and board members have had a chance to review what was submitted. Candidates received the question in advance and each candidate will be brought in one at a time in alphabetical to explain why they are the best candidate for the Planning Board with two minutes each.

Each candidate introduced themselves and summarized their background and experience. The candidates were: Eric Alden, Joshua Ames, Keith Flanders, Philip Giordano, Carolyn O'Connor Hetnik, and Tom McCusker.

Motion for nominations:

- K. Wynne nominated J. Ames. E. Rollings Seconded.
- J. Hickey nominated T. McCusker. C. Pfaff Seconded.
- R. Gotti nominated E. Alden. J. Hickey Seconded.

J. Hickey moved to close nominations. R. Gotti Seconded.

J. Hickey, aye. R. Gotti, aye. M. Walsh, aye. D. Atkins, aye. E. Rollings, aye. K. Wynne, aye. C. Pfaff, aye. Unanimous Vote 7-0.

Three Candidates for consideration: J. Ames, T. McCusker and E. Alden.

Candidate Vote: J. Hickey voted for T. McCusker. R. Gotti voted for E. Alden. M. Walsh voted for T. McCusker. E. Rollings voted for J. Ames. K. Wynne voted for J. Ames. D. Atkins voted for J. Ames. C Pfaff voted for T. McCusker.

E. Alden- one vote

J. Ames – three votes

T. McCusker- three votes

R. Gotti moved to remove E. Alden from the list. K. Wynne Seconded. J. Hickey, aye. R. Gotti, aye. M. Walsh, aye. D. Atkins, aye. K. Wynne, aye. E. Rollings, aye. C. Pfaff, aye. Unanimous Vote 7-0.

Final two candidates: J. Ames and T. McCusker

Candidate Vote: J. Hickey voted for T. McCusker. R. Gotti voted for T. McCusker. M. Walsh voted for T. McCusker. D. Atkins voted for J. Ames. K. Wynne voted for J. Ames. E. Rollings voted for J. Ames. C. Pfaff voted for T. McCusker.

Final: T. McCusker, four votes and J. Ames, three votes. Majority of the vote was received for Mr. McCusker.

<u>Select Board</u>	T. McCusker	J. Ames
M. Walsh	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Hickey	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
R. Gotti	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

<u>Planning Board</u>	T. McCusker	J. Ames
C. Pfaff	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Atkins	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
E. Rollings	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
K. Wynne	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

Motion:

J. Hickey moved to appoint Thomas McCusker to the vacancy on the Planning Board until the conclusion of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. R. Gotti Seconded. J. Hickey, aye. R. Gotti, aye. M. Walsh, aye. E. Rollings, aye. D. Atkins, aye. K. Wynne, aye. C. Pfaff, aye. Unanimous Vote 7-0.

A motion to adjourn the Planning Board meeting was made by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Ms. Wynne on a 4-0 roll call vote to adjourn.