

**COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 AT 6:08 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Voting Members Present: Chair Joanne Campbell, Alderman Michael Concannon and Alderman Robert Ferullo.

Non-voting members present: President Lindsay Higgins, Alderman Jeffrey Dillon, Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen, Alderman Edward Tedesco, Alderman Joseph Demers, Alderman Richard Gately

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Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Ferullo to return to the regular order of business; all in favor, 3-0.

Appointment of Timothy J. Donovan, Cassandra A. Connolly, Paul A. Scanlon, Jr., Stephanie E. Collins, Robert Toro, Joseph Flaherty and Jan Fuller as Members of Woburn Handicapped and Disabled Citizens Commission: Chairman Campbell said the committee will consider the appointment of several people to the Woburn Handicapped and Disabled Citizens Commission. She said Ms. Collins notified the clerk she had an emergency at work and will not be able to attend. She said the clerk has not been able to reach Mr. Flaherty. She said the appointments are exciting news. She said she is the council's liaison to the Handicapped Commission and it has been at a standstill. She said the commission has not had enough members for a quorum. She said the Handicapped Commission reviews plans and related documents to ensure access is provided. She said the commission serves a valuable role. She said the commission also reviews applications for handicapped placards. She said Mr. Donovan is being re-appointed and he does not have to appear before the Personnel Committee. He said Mr. Donovan's term is for one year. **Cassandra Connolly** – Cassandra Connolly said she is a teacher in the Rise program at the Shamrock School. She said she teaches students with autism. She said she thinks joining the commission is a cool opportunity to advocate for kids with special needs. She said she is very excited to join the commission. Chairman Campbell asked Ms. Connolly if she will be able to attend meetings once a month. Ms. Connolly said she will. President Higgins said the September 1, 2020 date on the appointments will have to be changed. Chairman Campbell said the committee is all set with that. **Paul Scanlon** – Mr. Scanlon said he has been a Woburn resident for his entire life. He said he has been disabled since he was 2-years-old. He said he went to Woburn High. He said when he was growing up there was very little accommodation made for disabled citizens, and now almost everything has accommodations. He said he is looking forward to joining the commission. **Robert Toro** – Mr. Toro said he lives in East Woburn and owns a construction company. He said he has been involved with the Special Olympics for 20 years. He said he is passionate about issues involving the handicapped community and ensuring those citizens are served appropriately. **Jan Fuller** – Ms. Fuller said she lives on Montvale Avenue and has been a Woburn resident for 35 years. She said she spent her career in special education in the Tewksbury school system. She said she has been retired for two years. She said she thinks her professional life gives her experience in the realm of serving

disabled citizens. She said she is a volunteer for the national Multiple Sclerosis Society. She said she is looking to bring her experience to the commission. She said her retired status gives her the ability to be in places during the work day. Chairman Campbell said she thinks every candidate that was interviewed is qualified. She said the commission has not been able to meet because it hasn't had a quorum. Alderman Concannon said he thinks it's great there are so many qualified people who are willing to join the commission. Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Ferullo that the appointments of Ms. Connolly, Mr. Scanlon, Mr. Toro, Ms. Fuller and Mr. Donovan "ought to pass;" approved 3-0. Alderman Tedesco asked if the date of the appointments need to be amended. Chairman Campbell said the appointments will be official on October 6, if the council votes to approve the committee report.

Reading of previous meeting minutes: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Ferullo to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2020; all in favor, 3-0.

Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Ferullo to adjourn; all in favor, 3-0. Chairman Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees