



Appointments Committee – Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Chair John Boccuzzi, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010
Time: 6:45 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard

The Appointments Committee met as indicated above. Present were Chair Summerville and Vice Chair Boccuzzi and Committee Member Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Franzetti, McGarry and Savage. Also present were Reps. Cannady, Day, DePina, Gabriele, Heaphy, Mitchell, Mirkin, Wallace, McNeil, Young, Taylor and Zelinsky.

Chair Summerville called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. A28.026 6:45 p.m.	<u>Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare</u> Mayor Michael A. Pavia (R) 20 Davenport Farm Lane E Stamford, CT 06903 Term expires: <i>runs concurrent with the Mayor</i>	COMMITTEE APPROVED 7-0-0

The Mayor began by explaining that while preparing the budget, he decided to leave this position vacant and fill it himself until such time that either funding was available or he determined a need for a full-time person in this slot. The unused funds ultimately saved two city positions.

Mayor Pavia stated that Chiefs Nivikoff and McGrath along with Acting Health Director Anne Fountain are highly qualified department heads who can capably handle the routine functions of their departments. He personally will cover the administrative duties required of this position.

Mayor Pavia discussed a typical day, which included meetings with both the Police Chief and the Acting Health Director. Mayor Pavia stated that he did travel to the scene of a local fire to offer consolation and support to the homeowner, and this visit would have happened whether he was Director of PSH&W or not. He added that he is “ready, willing and able” to handle the functions of both jobs.

In response to a question of Chair Summerville, the Mayor stated he is unaware of any special training or licensure required of the Director of PSH&W.

The Committee discussed the financials surrounding this change. Mayor Pavia stated he would not be accepting any additional salary for his assumption of the position. It was also noted that Mayor Pavia has saved a considerable amount of money in his replacement of the recent Health Director, Dr. Lee. Mayor Pavia stated that Ms. Fountain has received an increase of approximately \$20,000. When Mayor Pavia learned that a medical director was required for the clinics to continue operating, after making some phone calls, he was able to retain the services of Dr. Yoon for \$3,000/month (and no clinic was forced to shut down). In total, this has saved the City approximately \$100,000 in savings.

In response to questions regarding the handling of the social services functions, Mayor Pavia stated that he will shortly be convening his cabinet to take up the matter of re-assignment of responsibilities for those employees who will not be here after July 1st. Upon the request of the Committee, Mayor Pavia agreed to advise the Board of Representatives of the plan that the cabinet develops.

Rep. Day stated that the Mayor may decide to fill this position. The individual who fills this position also serves on various boards: SEMS and Smith House, for example.

The Committee thanked Mayor Pavia for his willingness to take on this extra work, with Ms. Savage noting that he is setting a great example of an excellent work ethic for the rest of the City. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the appointment was approved unanimously.

2. A28.027 7:00 p.m.	<u>Board of Ethics</u> Sebastian D'Acunto (R) 105 Willowbrook Avenue Stamford, CT 06902 Term expires: 6/30/12	Repl. Lois Anderson (exp.06/30/07)	NO ACTION TAKEN
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Clerk Summerville noted that Mr. D'Acunto was unable to attend tonight's meeting and would appear before the Committee next month.

3. A28.036 7:00 p.m.	<u>Board of Ethics</u> Daniel M. Young (D) 20 Fieldstone Terrace Stamford, CT 06902 Term expires: 6/30/14	Reappointment (exp. 06/30/09)	COMMITTEE APPROVED 7-0-0
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Mr. Young explained that he is currently the Chair of the Board of Ethics, and while the newspaper recently reported that the Board has not met, he advised that the Board has had a few meetings in order to provide informal opinions. By statute, these meetings (and the subject of the meetings) are not public information. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Young for appointment to the Ethics Board.

4. A28.028 **Environmental Protection Board** **COMMITTEE**
7:15 p.m. Thomas R. Mills (I) Repl. Louis Levine **APPROVED**
22 Blackwood Lane (exp. 12/01/09) **7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term expires: 12/01/11

Mr. Mills stated that he has spent many years volunteering with Stamford's children, and is looking forward to serving in Stamford's government at this time. He confirmed that he will adhere to the State's EPB regulations in decision-making. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Mills for appointment to the EPB.

5. A28.029 **Environmental Protection Board-Alternate** **COMMITTEE**
7:15 p.m. Stephen D. Wayne (D) Repl. Diane Longo **APPROVED**
154 Cold Spring Road, #19 (exp. 12/01/06) **7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06905
Term expires: 12/01/12

Mr. Wayne explained that he has increasingly been involved with the City of Stamford through his work representing Pitney Bowes' interests in the South End. While he does not have extensive familiarity with the EPB, he hopes to learn from other members, and is anxious to give back to Stamford by serving on this Board. He stated that he will follow the EPB regulations, even in situations where he believes another approach could be possible. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Wayne for appointment to the EPB as an alternate.

6. [A28.037](#) **Environmental Protection Board** **COMMITTEE**
7:15 p.m. Gary Stone (R) Reappointment **APPROVED**
258 Dogwood Lane (exp. 12/01/08) **7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term expires: 12/01/11

Mr. Stone stated that he has served on the EPB for about 15 years. He enjoys his service on the Board and believes that with Mr. Emerson's imminent departure, it is important for the Board to retain members with a long history of service. Rep. Day added that Mr. Stone has been an outstanding member of the EPB and fully supports his re-appointment.

7. [A28.030](#) **Old Long Ridge Historic District-Alternate** **COMMITTEE**
7:30 p.m. Robert Robins (R) Repl. John DeForest **APPROVED**
64 Pond Road (exp. 12/01/88) **7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06902
Term expires: 12/01/13

Mr. Robins would be the lone member of the Historic District that does not reside in the district. Mr. Robins has an extensive background and interest in historic preservation, both domestically and internationally. He feels this background and his perspective as an "outsider" would add value to the District. It was noted that the District was inactive for a long period of time but recently has revived its

activities. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Robins for appointment to the District.

8. [A28.031](#) **Parks & Recreation Commission** **NO ACTION
TAKEN**
7:40 p.m. Dave Winston (R) Repl. Thomas Lombardo
1128 Cove Road (*exp. 12/01/04*)
Stamford, CT 06902
Term expires: 12/01/10

Clerk Summerville stated that this appointment would be taken up next month.

9. [A28.032](#) **Parks & Recreation Commission** **COMMITTEE
APPROVED
7-0-0**
7:40 p.m. Joseph Andreana (R) Repl. Mark Smith
317 Intervale Road E (*exp. 12/01/09*)
Stamford, CT 06905
Term expires: 12/01/12

Mr. Andreana stated that he has volunteered for Stamford baseball, soccer and special Olympics for over 20 years. He feels his analytical skills, and his background as an engineer, would be helpful to the Commission. In response to Rep. DePina's questions regarding the permitting of grilling at Scalzi Park, Mr. Andreana stated that he was not opposed to it but was concerned about safety issues with the number of activities taking place at this busy park. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Andreana for appointment to the Commission.

10. [A28.033](#) **Personnel Commission** **COMMITTEE
APPROVED
7-0-0**
7:50 p.m. Michael Bayonne, Jr. (R) Repl. Kathleen Lombardo
101 Grove Street, Unit 9 (*exp. 12/01/08*)
Stamford, CT 06901
Term expires: 12/01/14

Mr. Bayonne stated that he is an employment attorney, primarily representing Connecticut municipalities. He stated that his greatest asset is his tenacity. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Bayonne for appointment to the Commission.

11. [A28.034](#) **Planning Board** **COMMITTEE
APPROVED
7-0-0**
8:00 p.m. Michael A. Totilo (R) Repl. John Garnjost
23 Rockrimmon Lane (*exp. 12/01/03*)
Stamford, CT 06903
Term expires: 12/01/12

Mr. Totilo stated that his background as a CPA and management consultant will be beneficial to his service on the Planning Board. He stated he advises businesses on strategic planning. The Committee Members told Mr. Totilo that this is a very important and prestigious appointment, and Mr. Totilo stated that he

wanted to serve. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Totilo for appointment to the Board.

12. A28.038	<u>Planning Board</u>		
8:00 p.m.	Theresa Dell (R) 125 Hardesty Road Stamford, CT 06903 Term expires: 12/01/11	Reappointment (exp. 12/01/05)	COMMITTEE APPROVED 7-0-0

Ms. Dell stated she would like to continue her service on the Board. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Ms. Dell for re-appointment to the Board.

13. A28.042	<u>Zoning Board</u>		
8:15 p.m.	Audrey Cosentini (R) 105 Wyndover Lane Stamford, CT 06902 Term expires: 12/01/11	Reappointment (exp. 12/01/02)	COMMITTEE APPROVED 6-0-1

Ms. Cosentini stated she has served on the Zoning Board for many years. It is an exhausting board that meets weekly with a full agenda. The Board did have some problems with a quorum, but this was solved lately.

In response to questions about which projects she liked and disliked, Ms. Cosentini stated that she liked the Old Town Hall and was not particularly fond of Trump Tower, feeling it was too close to the road, too dense and too tall.

Ms. Mitchell asked Ms. Cosentini about recent comments in the paper related to the Charter Oak Project, Palmer's Square, that Ms. Cosentini opposed. Ms. Cosentini apparently stated that there was some "danger of having an entire neighborhood of Charter Oak residents" in a single neighborhood area. Ms. Mitchell asked Ms. Cosentini about her opinion on the 1-1 ordinance.

Ms. Cosentini responded that she is in favor of 1-1. Her statements were not directed at residents but at the projects and were intended to address the issue of the recent New York State ruling about housing. (In that case, a court ruled against the concentration of subsidized housing in a single area, ordering the county to scatter the housing throughout the county.) Ms. Cosentini stated that while in favor of the 1-1 ordinance, she was concerned that, in light of the recent court ruling, this ordinance may not be constitutional. She strongly recommended that the Board of Reps review the ordinance to make certain it is in compliance.

Ms. Mitchell replied that her statements were not understood in the above context, and that they were interpreted as her being in opposition to Charter Oak tenants living in the same neighborhood that they were before relocation. She added that these tenants are police officers, teachers, fire personnel and hospital workers. Ms. Cosentini stated that she does not hold positions opposed to

residents of subsidized housing, and, in fact, she worked hard in the 60s to desegregate Stamford's schools.

Chair Summerville suggested that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Cosentini speak further about this topic. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted 6-0-1 (Chair Summerville abstaining) to approve Ms. Cosentini's appointment to the Zoning Board.

14. [A28.039](#) **Stamford Golf Authority** **COMMITTEE**
8:20 p.m. Antony Conte (R) Reappointment **APPROVED**
71 Barmore Drive East (exp. 01/01/09) **7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06905
Term expires: 1/01/12

Mr. Conte has served on the Authority for about 15 years. Mr. Conte stated he wanted to continue the work that has begun at the course. Mr. Conte added that the recent storm took down over 100 trees and tore the roof from a building. In response to Rep. Caterbone's complaint about a recent meeting that he and Rep. Raduazzo attended, Mr. Conte stated: 1) the Authority enters executive session about 20 times per year (out of about 52 meetings); 2) there are lawyers present at the meeting; and 3) they follow the proper procedures for conducting an executive session. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Mr. Conte for appointment to the Golf Authority.

15. [A28.040](#) **Stamford Golf Authority** **COMMITTEE**
8:20 p.m. Henry J. Anderson (R) Reappointment **APPROVED**
110 Skymeadow Drive (exp. 01/01/10) **7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term expires: 1/01/13

Mr. Anderson has lived in Stamford since 1985. Mr. Anderson stated he would like to continue serving on the Authority as it is ready to enter an exciting time with the upgrade of the course and the replacement of the restaurant building. In response to Mr. Caterbone's displeasure at the treatment several neighbors received when attending a recent meeting, Mr. Anderson stated that this issue would be addressed. Mr. Anderson also agreed to check on the quality of the Authority's minutes that are issued. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Mr. Anderson for appointment to the Golf Authority.

16. [A28.041](#) **Stamford Golf Authority** **COMMITTEE**
8:20 p.m. Richard Swatland (R) Reappointment **APPROVED**
178 Club Road (exp. 01/01/10) **7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term expires: 1/01/13

Mr. Swatland has served on the Authority for about 5-6 years and was named Chairman this year. Mr. Caterbone expressed his displeasure when he and Rep. Raduazzo attended a recent meeting of the Authority. Mr. Swatland stated that

