

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
February 27, 2023**

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A meeting of the Economic & Development Committee was held on Monday February 27, 2023 electronically via ZOOM due to bad weather predictions. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 PM by Ted Stevens, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Stevens, Chair; Justin Farmer, Vice-Chair; Sarah Gallagher; Paula Irvin; Laurie Sweet; Cory O'Brien; Bob Anthony

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Gallagher

Public Input: None

The following items were addressed:

1. Appointment of Jay Cruickshank from an alternate to a full member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for term to expire January 31, 2025 (U9)

--Moved by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Anthony. DISCUSSION: Mr. Stevens said he served on the Planning & Zoning Commission alongside Mr. Cruickshank and he does a great job. He glad to see this appointment.

A vote was taken. The item passed unanimously.

2. Reappointment of Joseph McDonagh to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2026 (D9)

--Moved by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Anthony. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer asked the administration to speak to geographic diversity of the Commission. Mr. Grace said the 7th district currently has 3 members on PZC and this will balance out in the future as terms expire. Mr. Farmer expressed concerns about diversity. He said the 2nd and 3rd districts are underrepresented and the 9th is overrepresented. Mr. Grace said it is a challenge to get diversity on boards and commissions, and efforts will continue to this end. The Town clerk has an open house for Boards and Commissions coming up.

Ms. Sweet asked about term limits which were mentioned in the letter from Mr. McDonagh. Mr. Grace said Mr. McDonagh is not yet at the 12 year limit.

Mr. Stevens said he thought Mr. McDonagh might be over the 12 year limit, but the term limit statute does not take effect until December 1, 2023 (confirmed by Ms. Gruen).

Mr. Farmer stated we should consider spirit of the law rather than just the letter of the law.

A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
Rose Lion, Secretary
for Ted Stevens, Chair