

MEETING NOTICE

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY RELATIONS
PLACE: Zoom Conferencing System
DATE: Monday, October 17, 2022
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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AGENDA (Please note: All items listed on this agenda may not be considered or discussed at this meeting and may be addressed at future meetings.)

1. Call to Order

CHAIR STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by the Community Relations Committee. If any other persons present are doing the same, you must notify the chairperson at this time. In accordance with MGLc 30A SS 20(g) “No person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the Chair and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If, after clear warning from the chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting and if the person does not withdraw, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person from the meeting.”

2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2022.
4. Communications from Department Heads, by invitation
 - Recreation Department Director Christy Moore

5. Public Comment
6. Discussion
 - Recycling with Department of Public Works.
 - Schools with Superintendent and Committee Chair.
 - Housing in Greenfield.
7. Other Business
8. Next Meeting – November 21, 2022, 6:00 pm, Zoom Conferencing System, unless otherwise posted.
9. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE CALLED

Please note that the list of topics was comprehensive at the time of posting, however, the public body may consider and take action on unforeseen matters not specifically named in this notice. Posted in accordance with M.G.L.c 30A § 18-25.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 19, 2022

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6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Ricketts called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT Councilors Ricketts, Gilmour and Guin (as ex-officio committee member)

ABSENT Councilors Lapienski, Bottomley and Terounzo.

ALSO PRESENT Councilor Christine Forgey;

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Communications from Department Heads, by invitation: None.

Chairperson Ricketts opened public forum:

- Russ Pirkot inquired who he would speak to regarding the lack of recycling receptacles around Greenfield public areas. He was directed to speak to the Department of Public Works on this issue.
- Sandra Boston, Abbot Street, would like to see a recycling receptacle at Poet Seat Tower.
- Nancy Hazard, Spring Terrace, would also like to see more recycling receptacles along Main Street and in Parks.
- Dawn Morin, Hope Street, supported the idea of more recycling receptacles around Greenfield. She noted that she would like to see all City of Greenfield Committees who met virtually and through hybrid to forward their recordings to GCTV for airing. It was suggested since the Council had no authority to direct other committees and commissions to air their meetings, to forward your request to the Mayor or Chief of Staff.
- Ms. Boston asked if anyone from the Council was interacting with the issue of the Chief of Police's recertification. She was informed that it was not within the Council's purview to address personnel issues for the City; the issue was for the Mayor and public safety to address.
- Jesus Leyva, High Street, spoke to his experience with the public safety commission; both positive and negative. He believed the commission should be involved with issues including police misconduct and related matters before it was brought to the Mayor. He also noted that the commission does not properly post their meetings on the City's website calendar. It was noted that the City Charter gave the public safety commission the power to investigate police misconduct complaints, including the issuance of subpoenas if needed.
- Stephanie Duclos, Chapman Street, addressed issues with the homeless population in Greenfield and how funds from the City's Free Cash account could be used towards that issue, especially with winter approaching. Possibility of the city to assign an individual or group to check in on the homeless to find out their needs and help direct them to services.

- Mr. Pirkot inquired what the difference was between a commission and a committee and if they were in service at the behest of the Mayor.
- Frank Trapanese, Stetson Drive, spoke to residing on a city owned dirt road that was in major disrepair and attempted numerous times to work with the Mayor's office. He was provided a report suggesting he appropriate his own money to upgrade the land that the city owned.
- Mr. Leyva addressed the issue of the Council voting to accept and Mayor's appointment. It was noted that the Council does not accept an appointment but rather confirms them. He also spoke to his experience when he did obtain an audience with the Mayor and his frustration with having to contact the State authorities over City issues.

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ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Gilmour, it was unanimously,

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.