

From: [Peter J. Berry](#)
To: [Lisa Tomy](#)
Cc: [Steve Ledoux](#)
Subject: Fwd: Sidewalk Committee
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 7:50:07 AM

Lisa: Please add Cameren Cousins' appointment from Associate to a full member of the Sidewalk Committee to the consent agenda for Monday. Cameren has been an active member as an Associate. Thank you.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kate Chung <chungwkate@gmail.com>
Date: June 13, 2016 at 15:34:29 EDT
To: "Peter J. Berry" <pjberry@comcast.net>
Cc: Charles Aaronson <charlie@charlieaaronson.com>
Subject: Re: Sidewalk Committee

Perfect! Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2016, at 9:51 PM, Peter J. Berry <pjberry@comcast.net> wrote:

Kate: No need to call. I know Cameren. I will put her appointment on the consent agenda for our meeting on June 20. We need to wait until the VCC vets Tony before I can recommend his appointment. My cell number is below if you need to talk about anything else.

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On Jun 12, 2016, at 18:45, Kate Chung <chungwkate@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Charlie -

Thanks for the explanation and for the updated list. I will do a better job in the future to work with Peter to adjust memberships. I think it makes sense to move Cameren up to full membership. With that said....

Peter - if you could send me your phone number, I will try calling you tomorrow. Or you can call me at 978 266 1042.

Also - yes, Tony Victor has been attending our meetings and I think he would be an excellent addition to the Committee.

Charlie, would you also be able to (1) update the website, and (2) send me a list of Members with the term expiration dates?

Thanks in advance.
Kate

On Sun, Jun 12, 2016 at 3:47 PM, Charles Aaronson <charlie@charlieaaronson.com> wrote:

Hi Kate,

First of all, I want to thank you for your help in sorting this out. I believe that we are almost there.

Next, to sort out some common misconceptions. Seniority on a committee is not the criteria for moving folks from Associate Members to Members. The Selectman Liaison (usually together with the committee chairman) decide whether a person should have their appointment changed. This is often done on the basis of the quality of their contributions to the work of the committee. In any event, appointment to committees can only be made by the Board of Selectmen. It is not automatic and has to be voted on by them. The Selectman liaison is the person that sees that the proposed appointment or change in appointment is put on the selectmen's agenda.

Finally, it appears that I made a mistake in my opinion that Cameren Cousins and Randall Bashta were both misclassified. I checked back on all of the Selectmen's agendas and found that on 9/23/2013, K. Randall Bashta was appointed as a (full) member of the Sidewalk Committee. I also found that on 1/12/2015, Cameren Cousins was appointed as an Associate Member of the Sidewalk Committee. I also verified that Steve Evans was sworn in on 5/9/2016.

So, The Sidewalk Committee roster, as of July, with re resignations of Sytske Campbell and Bettina Abe, should read:

Kate Chung

Dana Snyder-Grant

Steve Evans

K. Randall Bashta

Jennifer Querbes

Pamela Cochrane (Associate)

Cameren Cousins (Associate)

My suggestion would be that you discuss with your Selectman Liaison, Peter Berry, the reappointment of Cameren Cousins as a Full Member of the Sidewalk Committee. The selectman's next meeting is June 20th, so if you can reach him Monday or Tuesday he will still have time to get it on their agenda for their next meeting. That will give you 6 members and 1 associate member.

I also currently have an application for the Sidewalk Committee from Anthony

Victor. Has he attended any of your meetings? Please let me know. If he has we could vet him at the VCC meeting of Jun 27th. If not, let me know when your next few meetings will be and I will ask him to go to one or more of them.

Thank you for your help and especially for your service to Acton,

Charlie A

From: Kate Chung
[mailto:chungwkate@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 8:32 PM
To: Charles Aaronson
<charlie@charlieaaronson.com>
Subject: Re: Sidewalk Committee

Hi Charlie ---

As we don't have 7 full members, we felt it made sense to move the associates into those positions. In fact, we thought this happened automatically. We couldn't understand why Cameren and Randall weren't made full members before Jennifer as they've both been on the committee longer. Regarding Steve, I believe he went down to town hall and got sworn in last month.

Regarding your questions...

1. I believe that Cameren Cousins and Randall Bashta are currently misclassified they should be classified as Members, not Associate Members. I

will take care of correcting that and will move them to the list for reappointment for 3 years. -- *Thank you!!*

2. Pamela Cochrane is an Associate Member and can only become a Member by appointment by the Board of Selectmen. She can perform the duties of a Member (that is, vote) if you need her to make up a quorum. *Let's leave Pam as an associate then. That is her preference.*

3. Steve Evans presents an issue for your committee. Under the Open Meeting Law, as long as he is not sworn in, he is not a legitimate member of your committee and any votes taken where his vote was necessary to achieve passage of the motion is not legitimate as well. My suggestion is for him to go to the Town Clerk's office and be sworn in immediately. --- *I believe he has done that.*

Thanks for all your help Charlie. Is there a better way I should be handling this in the future?

Best,

Kate

On Fri, Jun 10, 2016 at 6:32 PM,
Charles Aaronson
<charlie@charlieaaronson.com> wrote:

Hello Kate,

I need some help from you on resolving the correct membership of the Sidewalk Committee.

The Town records indicate

that the Sidewalk Committee should consist of 7 Members and 2 Associate Members. These are listed as:

Members:

Kate Chung whose appointment expires on 6/30/16 and is on the list for reappointment for another 3 years

Sytske Campbell whose appointment expires on 6/30/16 and is not to be reappointed

Dana Snyder-Grant whose appointment expires on 6/30/16 and is on the list for reappointment for another 3 years

(Bettina Abe who has resigned)

Steve Evans whose appointment expires on 6/30/17 but appears to not be a legal member because he was never sworn in after his last appointment on 6/23/2014

Jennifer Querbes whose appointment expires on 6/30/19

Associate Members:

Pamela Cochrane whose appointment expires on 6/30/16 and is on the list for reappointment for another 1 year

Cameren Cousins whose

appointment expires on
6/30/18

K. Randall Bashta whose
appointment expires
on 6/30/16 and is on the list
for reappointment for
another 1 year

So, here are the
discrepancies.

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and be sworn in
immediately.

Finally, it appears that the Sidewalk Committee has 6 Members and 1 Associate Member resulting in openings for 1 Member and 1 Associate Member. Please verify that this is correct or where you think that it is in error.

Thank you for your help,

Charlie A

For the VCC



VOLUNTEER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

not listed as resident

email VCC 8/25/14

TOWN HALL
472 MAIN STREET
ACTON, MA 01720

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FAX (978) 929-6350
EMAIL VCC@ACTON-MA.GOV

Residents interested in serving on a Town Board, Committee or Commission are requested to complete this form and send it to the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall.

(Please print or type)

Date: 8/22/14

Title Mr. Mrs. <u>Ms.</u> Dr.	First Name <u>Cameron</u>	Last Name <u>Cousins</u>
Street Address <u>5 Prospect St.</u>		
Phone Number(s) <u>207.233.3333 (c)</u>		Email Address <u>camerencousins@gmail.com</u>

Please indicate below, in order of preference, the Board, Committee or Commission that is of interest to you: Green Advisory Board, Sidewalk Committee

Have you previously been a member of a Board, Committee or Commission (either in Acton or elsewhere)? If so, please list the Board name and your approximate dates of service: no

Do you have any time restrictions? unable to meet during work day

Are you a United States Citizen? yes Are you a Documented Resident Alien of Acton? no

How long have you lived in Acton? <1 year In Massachusetts? 7+ years

Present occupation and employer (Optional: attach resume): Sustainability Director & Teacher, The Fern School (Conrad)

Do you or your employer have any current or potential business relationship with the Town of Acton that could create a conflict of interest? no

Education and special training: UBA in Sustainable Organizations, Antioch University

Please list below any additional information or comments that may help in the matching of your interests with the most appropriate Board/Committee, such as civic experience, special interests/hobbies, etc.: I have a keen interest & experience in measuring/tracking utility consumption. Additionally, I am interested in alternative transportation & how transportation infrastructure can support sustainable behaviors

Thank you for your interest. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact a member of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee at vcc@acton-ma.gov.

Current membership may be obtained through the Town Manager's office at Town Hall, manager@acton-ma.gov / (978) 929-6611.

The space below is for use by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee and the appointing body to record the status of your application.

VCC Interview

Applicant Called _____
Schedule Date & Time _____
Recommendation _____

Appointing Body

Selectmen / Manager / Moderator
Interview Date _____
Appointed Date _____
Term _____

Board, Committee or Commission

Member / Alternate / Associate
Member / Alternate / Associate
Member / Alternate / Associate
Member / Alternate / Associate

Recommendation Sent _____

Notification of Appointment

Received by VCC _____
Committee Notified _____
Applicant Notified _____

No Openings at this time