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Ward 2 – Pauline M. Cormier

Ward 3 – David R. Cormier

Ward 4 – Mark C. Bodanza

Ward 5 – Peter A. Angelini

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**MINUTES**

**CITY OF LEOMINSTER**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**MARCH 28, 2022**

**JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**INTERVIEW. 6:40 PM**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the appointment of Peggy Stephenson, 100 Weathervane Dr, to the Recreation Commission, term to expire April 15, 2025.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Interview 03/28/2022 at 6:40 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The interview began at 6:40 PM.**

**Peggy Stephenson spoke on her history with the City of Leominster, the School Department and organizing events, including Recreation Department events.**

**Councillor Pauline Cormier asked what she thinks her responsibilities will be on the Recreation Commission.**

**Ms. Stephenson replied that she would help with guidance of programs and Recreation Department functions.**

**Councillor Pauline Cormier asked her if there was anything, she would like to see start up again.**

**Ms. Stephenson replied that she would like to see field trips, swimming and camps resume normal attendance.**

**Councillor Ardinger asked what her first priority would be.**

**Ms. Stephenson answered that she would like to build back up the existing programs and look at other Recreation Departments to see what other functions could be brought to Leominster.**

**Councillor Ardinger asked how many years she had with the School Department.**

**Ms. Stephenson answered 17 years.**

**Councillor Deacon stated that he looks forward to helping kids in the city and fully supports Ms. Stephenson.**

**Councillor Freda asked what she sees as a vision in the Recreation Commission.**

**Ms. Stephenson replied that she would like to add sports functions, field trips, and animal functions also.**

**Councillor David Cormier thanked her for volunteering and her continued good work on the Recreation Commission.**

**The interview ended at 6:47 PM.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING 6:45 PM**

42-22 Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Nashua St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Nashua St beginning at a point approximately 180 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Nashua St. and Lawrence St. and continuing approximately 15 feet in an east direction. Installing P32-50 with 40'C2 to provide service to 280 Nashua St.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Nashua St - Leominster - Massachusetts.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making

connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

*(Public Service; Regular Course; 03/14/2022; Public Hearing 03/28/2022 at 6:45 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The Public Hearing was opened at 6:47 PM.**

**Will Fontaine, representing National Grid, was present and explained the reason for the pole. He informed the council that a new pole was required to install new transformer because the other transformers in the area were already overloaded.**

**Councillor Brady asked if the MBTA Prospect Street work, which is parallel to Nashua Street, is part of this proposal.**

**Mr. Fontaine answered that he is not aware of the MBTA project, so it is not associated with this petition.**

**Councillor Freda verified with the City Clerk that all applicable legal notices were sent and published.**

**The City Clerk answered yes, they were.**

**Councillor Freda asked three times if any member from the public wanted to speak regarding the petition. No one spoke.**

**The Public Hearing was closed at 6:54 PM.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING 6:47 PM**

43-22 Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Grandview Ave - National Grid to install 3 JO Poles on Grandview Ave beginning at a point approximately 20 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of View St and continuing approximately 20 feet in a northeast direction. Install Pole # 4-50 and anchor on the northeastern side of Grandview Ave between existing poles 3 and 4. Continue - 125° northwest and install new Pole #9 and 2 anchors on the northeast side of

View St. Continue - 105° west and install new pole #10 and anchor on the northwest side of View St. New poles are required for electrical service to three new homes being built on new section of View St.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Grandview Ave - Leominster - Massachusetts.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

*(Public Service; Regular Course; 03/14/2022; Public Hearing 03/28/2022 at 6:47 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The Public Hearing was opened at 6:54 PM.**

**Will Fontaine, National Grid representative, explained the reason for the pole petition. There are a few new houses going up on View Street and there is a need for new infrastructure to get power to the new homes.**

**Councillor Freda asked if this project would obstruct any current property.**

**Mr. Fontaine replied no. He doesn't believe there will be any problems with this.**

**Councillor Bodanza asked if this is an extension of View Street.**

**Mr. Fontaine answered that View Street extended to numbers 59, 53 and 47 and these are brand new homes.**

**Councillor Freda verified with the City Clerk that all applicable legal notices were sent and published.**

**The City Clerk answered yes, they were.**

**Councillor Freda asked three times if any member from the public wanted to speak regarding the petition. No one spoke.**

**The Public Hearing was closed at 7:00 PM.**

**PUBLIC HEARING 6:49 PM**

44-22 Massachusetts Electronic Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Field Rd - National Grid to relocate 1 JO Pole on Field Rd. beginning at a point approximately 150 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Abbott Ave. and Field Rd. and continuing approximately 15 feet in a south direction. Relocating Pole #1 with 40'C2 approximately 20f west from existing Pole 1.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Field Rd. - Leominster - Massachusetts.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

*(Public Service; Regular Course; 03/14/2022; Public Hearing 03/28/2022 at 6:49 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02 PM.**

**Will Fontaine explained the reason for the pole petition. Pole 1 is being taken down and its location will be moved up the street. The transformer will be replaced on the other pole as it was overloaded.**

**Councillor Freda asked if these are requests or just normal updating.**

**Mr. Fontaine answered that many residents want bigger amp services and transformers cannot always handle the extra load.**

**Councillor Brady asked if the streetlight will be transferred and upgraded, if needed, as there is a streetlight on the existing pole.**

**Mr. Fontaine answered that yes, it will be moved.**

**Councillor Brady asked if there are more energy efficient lights.**

**Mr. Fontaine said that he can make sure the lights are upgraded, if needed.**

**Councillor Angelini added that there is a new home under construction at Field Road/Abbott Ave. This premises will need to have power.**

**Councillor Freda verified with the City Clerk that all applicable legal notices were sent and published.**

**The City Clerk answered yes, they were.**

**Councillor Freda asked three times if any member from the public wanted to speak regarding the petition.**

**Greg Chapdelaine, owner, said he is building a house on Field Road and upgrading the pole is necessary, as the current transformer is overloaded.**

**The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 PM.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING 6:51 PM**

45-22 Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Pioneer Dr. - National Grid to install 1 SO Pole on Pioneer Dr. beginning at a point approximately 815' feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Orchard Hill Park and Pioneer Dr. and continuing approximately 15 feet in an east direction. Installing P12 with 40'C2 to provide service to 130 Pioneer Dr.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find

necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Pioneer Dr. - Leominster - Massachusetts.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

*(Public Service; Regular Course; 03/14/2022; Public Hearing 03/28/2022 at 6:51 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The Public Hearing was opened at 7:10 PM.**

**Will Fontaine explained this pole petition. This pole is to feed a new business at 130 Pioneer Drive. Pole 12-2 will be on 130 Pioneer Drive property to get power to the business and avoid aerial crossover onto people's land.**

**Councillor Brady clarified the map included in the packet.**

**Councillor Angelini asked about the three-phase transformer, which is common for an industrial park.**

**Mr. Fontaine stated that if a three-phase is not necessary, they will not install one, as they are far more expensive. These are used to power industrial motors, which 130 Pioneer Drive will not have.**

**Councillor Freda verified with the City Clerk that all applicable legal notices were sent and published.**

**The City Clerk answered yes, they were.**

**Councillor Freda asked three times if any member from the public wanted to speak regarding the petition. No one spoke.**

**The Public Hearing was closed at 7:17 PM.**

#### **PUBLIC FORUM, 6:55 P.M.**

The public forum is an opportunity for any member of the audience to speak on a matter specifically listed on the Council Agenda. Speakers will be asked to come to the microphone and state their formal name and address along with identifying

the specific item(s) they wish to address. Each speaker is respectfully asked to keep their comments within a two (2) minute time frame. The Council will not be responding or answering any questions; however, at the discretion of the Council President, clarification may be given.

**The Public Forum was opened at 7:17 PM.**

**Greg Chapdelaine, Purchasing Agent for the City of Leominster, spoke in support of Peggy Stephenson being appointed to the Recreation Commission.**

**The Public Forum was closed at 7:19 PM.**

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**I. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 7:00 P.M.**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL OF COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Council President David Cormier; Council Vice-President Pauline Cormier; Councillor Bodanza; Councillor Ardinger; Councillor Angelini; Councillor Brady; Councillor Deacon; and Councillor Freda.

ABSENT: Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir

OTHERS PRESENT: Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk, Dianne Reardon, Assistant City Clerk

**IV. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MARINE CAPTAIN ROSS A. REYNOLDS**

**Council President David Cormier called for a Moment of Silence for Captain Ross A. Reynolds, who was killed in Norway.**

**Councillor Freda spoke about attending various veterans' programs and how Ross Reynolds would always be holding the flag with the boy scouts. She added that Rick Voutour put it best "Ross was what America and Leominster is all about". Our thoughts are with the family.**

**V. APPROVAL OF RECORDS**

- February 28, 2022
- March 14, 2022

**Council Vice-President Pauline Cormier found the records to be in good order and ordered them placed on file, barring any changes.**



**Councillor Freda had a change.**

**Council Vice-President Pauline Cormier stated that, after Councillor Freda's correction, the minutes may be placed on file.**

**A motion was made by Councillor Bodanza, seconded by Councillor Ardinger, to go into recess at 7:02 PM, which passed with a vote of 8-0.**

**The Council returned from recess at 7:18 PM.**

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

### **RE-APPOINTMENTS:**

Dean J. Mazarella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Wendy Wiiks, 142 Blossom Street, to the Board of Health, term to expire April 15, 2025. *(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

Dean J. Mazarella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Vicki Briggs, 62 West Street, to the Cultural Commission, term to expire April 15, 2025. *(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

Dean J. Mazarella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of David Cormier, 9 Deer Run, to the Disability Commission, term to expire April 15, 2025. *(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

Dean J. Mazarella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Marcel Leger, 74 Buttermilk Road, to the Housing Authority, term to expire April 15, 2027. *(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Carol Vittorioso, 19 Water Street, to the Planning Board, term to expire April 15, 2027.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Salvatore Ciccone, 12 Celestial Way, Pepperell, MA, to the Planning Board, term to expire April 15, 2027.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

C-60 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$10,000.00 be made to the Wire Department Overtime Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

*(Finance; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

C-61 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests an interdepartmental transfer of \$2,200.00 be made to the Police Department Police Chief Salary & Wages Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Police Department Lieutenant Salary & Wages Account.

*(Finance; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

C-62 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests that the City Council authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to finalize the Conservation Restriction (CR) Easement on Watershed Property to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

RE: This is part of the City's acquisition of Sholan Farms in 2001 and will finalize the terms of the CR and has been reviewed by the City Solicitor.

*(Legal Affairs; Informational Meeting set for 04/11/2022 at 6:20 PM;*

*Regular Course 03/28/2022); Majority Vote)*

**This was given REGULAR COURSE with referrals to Conservation and Watershed Property. Would like to invite Paul Kennedy to an informational meeting on April 11, 2022, at 6:20 PM.**

C-63 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$161,267.00 be made to the Fire Department Salary & Wages, Overtime, and

Vacation/Sick Buy Back Accounts; the same amount to be transferred from the Collective Bargaining Account.

RE: To fund increased costs associated with contract settlement.  
(*Finance; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote*)

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

C-64 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$50,000.00 be made to the Snow & Ice Overtime Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess & Deficiency Account.  
(*Finance; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote*)

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

C-65 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$175,000.00 be made to the Snow & Ice Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess & Deficiency Account.  
(*Finance; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote*)

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

C-66 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an interdepartmental transfer of \$31,500.00 be made to the Police Department Captain Salary & Wages Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Police Department Lieutenant Salary & Wages Account.  
(*Finance; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Majority Vote*)

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

## **VII. PETITIONS FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA**

47-22 Mark Gordon, on behalf of Music Mania, Inc.: request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 14 Water tower Plaza.  
(*Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; REFERRALS IN: Treasurer; REFERRALS OUT: Police; Majority Vote*)

**This was given REGULAR COURSE.**

48-22 Peter Angelini, Ward 5 Councillor: Requests to amend the City of Leominster Revised Ordinances Section 12-2 as attached. This amendment will take effect July 1, 2022.

RE: To revise the fee schedule in the City of Leominster to begin July 1, 2022 (FY2023)  
*(Legal Affairs: Regular Course 03/28/2022; Public Hearing 04/11/2022 at 6:45 PM; 2/3 Vote)*

**Councillor Freda asked if this petition is sponsored by the Ward 5 Councillor or the City Clerk.**

**Councillor Angelini replied that he is the petitioner with assistance from the City Clerk.**

**This was given REGULAR COURSE with referrals to License Commission, Board of Health, Planning, and Conservation. A public hearing was set for April 11, 2022, at 6:45 PM, with a vote of 8-0.**

49-22 Elizabeth Wood (On Behalf of the Planning Board) requests to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to the Solar Ordinance, Article III Table of Uses and Section 22-104 of Zoning, per attached letter.  
*(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Public Hearing 05/09/2022 at 6:50 PM; 2/3 Vote)*

**This was given REGULAR COURSE with referrals to Conservation, Planning, Board of Appeals, Fire and Department of Public Works. The public hearing was set for May 9, 2022, at 6:50 PM with a vote of 8-0.**

## **VIII. MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL**

### **IX. FINANCIAL REPORT - \$19,733,226.00 STABILIZATION FUND BALANCE**

**Councillor Bodanza explained the total revenue of the city and the sources. He spoke about the Schedule A being filed.**

**Councillor Freda stated how excellent the summary of this information was. She commended the new comptroller in doing the Schedule A in a timely manner and to have this back on track.**

**Councillor Bodanza added that she filed the Schedule A in the first week of January. He added that she is wonderful to work with and does things timely.**

**X. FINANCE**

C-53 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests to accept the local transportation funding aid of \$1,132,495.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation into the Highway State Aid Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account.

RE: Chapter 90 budget award for Fiscal Year 2023.  
*(Finance; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 8-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 8-0, the communication was ADOPTED.**

C-54 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$1,359,327.62 be made to the Sewer Department Capital Outlay Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.  
*(Finance; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 8-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 8-0, the communication was ADOPTED.**

C-55 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$3,700,000.00 be made to the Stabilization Fund: The same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account (Undesignated Fund Balance).  
*(Finance; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 8-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 8-0, the communication was ADOPTED.**

C-56 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$1,424,576.10 be made to the Water Department Capital Outlay Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.  
*(Finance; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 8-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 8-0, the communication was ADOPTED.**

- C-57 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$19,964.00 be made to the Leominster Retirement System; the same amount to be transferred from the Unfunded Liability Account.  
*(Finance; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 8-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 8-0, the communication was ADOPTED.**

- C-58 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$250,000.00 be made to the Fire Department Salary & Wages Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund.

RE: Overtime for Department  
*(Finance; Regular Course 03/14/2022; 2/3 Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 7-0-1 (Councillor David Cormier abstained) the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Councillor David Cormier abstained) the communication was ADOPTED.**

- C-59 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests the amount of \$250,000.00 be transferred to the DPW sidewalks and curbing account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

RE: Annual Sidewalk Repair Program  
*(Finance; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 8-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 8-0, the communication was ADOPTED.**

- 41-22 Gregory C. Chapdelaine, Purchasing Agent: Requests to enter into a six-year contract for Risk Management Services.

RE: Risk Management Services for the Treasurer's Office  
(Finance; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 8-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 8-0, the communication was ADOPTED.**

## **XI. LEGAL AFFAIRS**

20-22 Elizabeth Wood (on Behalf of the Planning Board) requests to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to the parking of unregistered vehicles.

RE: Overflow lots  
(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 06/14/2021; Public Hearing; January 10, 2022 @ 6:50PM; Cont. Public Hearing February 14, 2022 @ 6:50 PM; Cont to 03/14/2022 at 6:50 PM; Public Hearing Continued to 04/11/2022 at 6:50 PM) REFERRALS IN: Planning Director; REFERRALS OUT: Building Inspector, Zoning Board of Appeals; 2/3 Vote)

**This was given FURTHER TIME with a vote of 8-0.**

## **XII. WAYS AND MEANS**

### APPOINTMENT:

Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests the appointment of Peggy Stephenson, 100 Weathervane Dr, to the Recreation Commission, term to expire April 15, 2025.

(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Interview 03/28/2022 at 6:40 PM; Majority Vote)

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of Peggy Stephenson as member of the Recreation Commission. The appointment was CONFIRMED by a roll call vote of 8-0.**

RE-APPOINTMENTS:

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Michelle Haggstrom, 152 Sacramento Drive, to the Board of Appeals, term to expire April 15, 2025.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Nicole Pare, 29 Oakwind Hollow Rd, to the Board of Health, term to expire April 15, 2025.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Peter Lanza, 16 Depot Square, to the Board of Health, term to expire April 15, 2025.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of John Diggins, 59 Rustic Dr., to the Council on Aging, term to expire April 15, 2025.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Patricia Vallee, 16 Arrowhead Rd., to the Council on Aging, term to expire April 15, 2025.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**



Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Phyllis Gagne, 34 Fairmount St., to the Council on Aging, term to expire April 15, 2025.  
*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Donna Smith, 161 Spruce St., #411, to the Council on Aging, term to expire April 15, 2025.  
*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Robert Wilson, 19 Brown Ave., to the Cultural Commission, term to expire April 15, 2025.  
*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of LuAnn Longenecker, 90 Dobson Circle, to the Cultural Commission, term to expire April 15, 2025.  
*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Dean Carlson, 28 Iris Rd, to the Disability Commission, term to expire April 15, 2025.  
*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Thomas Thelin, 48 Judy Dr., to the Disability Commission, term to expire April 15, 2025.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Joanne D’Onfro, 231 Helena St., to the Library Board of Trustees, term to expire April 15, 2025.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Susan Chalifoux-Zephir, 900 West St., to the Library Board of Trustees, term to expire April 15, 2025.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Thomas Carignan, 56 Saddlebred Dr., to the Planning Board, term to expire April 15, 2027.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the reappointment of Theresa McEwen, 500 Brooks Pond Rd., to the Recreation Commission, term to expire April 15, 2025.

*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended the confirmation of this re-appointment. This reappointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 8-0.**

46-22 Hunter Bjorkman, on behalf of EcoATM, LLC: request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 11 Jungle Road.  
*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 03/14/2022; REFERRALS IN: Treasurer; Police; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the license to deal secondhand articles. A vote was taken, and it was voted 8-0 in favor to GRANT the license.**

### **XIII. PUBLIC SERVICE**

42-22 Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Nashua St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Nashua St beginning at a point approximately 180 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Nashua St. and Lawrence St. and continuing approximately 15 feet in an east direction. Installing P32-50 with 40'C2 to provide service to 280 Nashua St.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Nashua St - Leominster - Massachusetts.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

*(Public Service; Regular Course; 03/14/2022; Public Hearing 03/28/2022 at 6:45 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The Public Service committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the petition.**

**A roll call vote was taken and the petition was GRANTED with a vote of 7-0-1 (Councillor David Cormier abstained).**

43-22 Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Grandview Ave - National Grid to install 3 JO Poles on Grandview Ave beginning at a point approximately 20 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of View St and continuing approximately 20 feet in a northeast direction. Install Pole # 4-50 and anchor on the northeastern side of Grandview Ave between existing poles 3 and 4. Continue - 125° northwest and install new Pole #9 and 2 anchors on the northeast side of View St. Continue - 105° west and install new pole #10 and anchor on the northwest side of View St. New poles are required for electrical service to three new homes being built on new section of View St.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Grandview Ave - Leominster - Massachusetts.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

*(Public Service; Regular Course; 03/14/2022; Public Hearing 03/28/2022 at 6:47 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The Public Service committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the petition.**

**A roll call vote was taken and the petition was GRANTED with a vote of 7-0-1 (Councillor David Cormier abstained).**

44-22 Massachusetts Electronic Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Field Rd - National Grid to relocate 1 JO Pole on Field Rd. beginning at a point approximately 150 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of

Abbott Ave. and Field Rd. and continuing approximately 15 feet in a south direction. Relocating Pole #1 with 40'C2 approximately 20ft west from existing Pole 1.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Field Rd. - Leominster - Massachusetts.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph

signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

*(Public Service; Regular Course; 03/14/2022; Public Hearing 03/28/2022 at 6:49 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The Public Service committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the petition.**

**A roll call vote was taken and the petition was GRANTED with a vote of 7-0-1 (Councillor David Cormier abstained).**

45-22 Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Pioneer Dr. - National Grid to install 1 SO Pole on Pioneer Dr. beginning at a point approximately 815 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Orchard Hill Park and Pioneer Dr. and continuing approximately 15 feet in an east direction. Installing P12 with 40'C2 to provide service to 130 Pioneer Dr.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Pioneer Dr. - Leominster - Massachusetts.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making

connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

*(Public Service; Regular Course; 03/14/2022; Public Hearing 03/28/2022 at 6:51 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The Public Service committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the petition.**

**A roll call vote was taken and the petition was GRANTED with a vote of 8-0.**

#### **XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **First Reading of an Ordinance:**

- 39-22 Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk: Requests a new section of the City of Leominster Revised Ordinances Chapter 1, Section 1.12, regarding an electioneering policy for the City of Leominster.  
*(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 02/28/2022; Public Hearing 03/14/2022 at 6:40 PM; 2/3 Vote)*

**The Legal Affairs committee recommended that the first reading of the ordinance be given further time.**

**This was given FURTHER TIME with a vote of 8-0.**

- 24-22 Elizabeth Wood (on Behalf of the Planning Board) requests to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to Performance Guarantees for Site Plans.

RE: To ensure that all conditions of approval, issued by the Planning Board for Site Plan, are completed.

*(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 01/10/2022; Public Hearing; January 24, 2022 @ 6:50PM; 2/3 Vote)*

**The Legal Affairs committee recommended that the first reading of the ordinance be given further time. This was given FURTHER TIME with a vote of 8-0.**

#### **XV. OLD BUSINESS**

Update on City Council petitions C-56 (Civil Service Exemptions) and C-89 (Home Rule Petition) That were sent to Representative Higgins and Senator Cronin in 2021.

**Council President David Cormier noted that updates were delivered to the City Council earlier this evening.**

**Councillor Bodanza read a response from Representative Higgins regarding the status of these Acts.**

**Councillor Freda asked about the Committee she mentioned a few meetings ago.**

**Councillor Bodanza asked the Mayor if there are citizens on this committee and he said “yes”. He will find more information and get back to the Council.**

## **XVI. COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Councillor Freda spoke about the National Vietnam Veterans Day being tomorrow, March 29, 2022. There will be a service at 3:00 PM at the Veterans’ Hall.**

**Councillor Freda spoke about the police station steel going up and how exciting it is to see this project progressing.**

**Council President David Cormier likes the idea of a ceremony with all Councillors signing a beam.**

## **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councillor Angelini, seconded by Councillor Bodanza, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM with a vote of 8-0.**

- Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk