



## Committee on City Services and the Northampton City Council

### Committee Members:

Chair: Councilor Maureen T. Carney

Vice-Chair: Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge

Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell

Councilor James B. Nash

### MEETING AGENDA

**Date: October 1, 2018**

**Time: 4 p.m.**

**Location: City Council Chambers**

**212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts**

#### **1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call**

#### **2. Public Comment**

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

##### **A. Minutes of September 17, 2018**

Documents:

[09-17-2018\\_City Services Committee.pdf](#)

#### **4. Items Referred to Committee**

##### **A. 18.166 Appointments to Various Boards - referred by City Council, 9/20/2018**

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Term: October 2018 - June 2021

*(Reappointment)*

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**Debin Bruce**, 46 Columbus Avenue, Northampton  
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(*To fill the vacancy of the expired term of Richard Cooper*)

Documents:

[18.166 Appointments to Various Boards.pdf](#)

**5. New Business**

**6. Adjourn**

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## **Committee on City Services and the Northampton City Council**

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*Chair: Councilor Maureen T. Carney  
Vice-Chair: Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge  
Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell  
Councilor James Nash*

### Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2018, 4 p.m.  
Location: City Council Chambers  
212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts

Present: Councilor Maureen T. Carney, Chair  
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge, Vice Chair  
Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell  
Councilor James Nash

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

At 4:02 p.m., Councilor Carney called the meeting to order. On a roll call, Councilors Bidwell, Carney, LaBarge and Nash were present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no members of the public present, there was no public comment.

3. **MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2018**

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes of July 2, 2018. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion carried 4:0.

4. **ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

A. 18.154 Appointments to Various Boards - Referred by City Council 8/16/2018  
Members discussed each appointment listed on the agenda in the order of its appearance.

### **Agricultural Commission**

**John Omasta**, 165 West Farms Road, Florence  
Term: July 2018-June 2021  
(Reappointment)

She's known Mr. Omasta for a long time, Councilor LaBarge shared. He was the inspiration for the Agricultural Commission when it first started, has been involved in it since its formation and served as chair since its inception. His family has been farming in Northampton since 1933 in the West Farms area. As a member and Vice President of the Hampshire Farm Bureau she feels he has an understanding of the entire farming community.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the appointment of John Omasta to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

**Earle "Chip" M. Parsons**, 137 Mill Valley Road, Hadley (farms in Northampton)  
Term: July 2018-June 2021  
(*Reappointment*)

Councilor Nash said he spoke to Mr. Parsons today. Being a Ward 3 resident, he has had the opportunity to attend many Agricultural Commission meetings. Mr. Parsons – like Mr. Omasta - is one of the original members of the commission and is also part of the leadership of the Three County Fair, which ties in with the agricultural background of the valley.

Councilor Nash moved to forward the appointment of Earle M. Parsons to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

#### **Arts Council**

**Kevin Pomerleau**, 63 Revell Avenue, Northampton  
Term: September 2018-June 2021  
(*To fill vacancy after Jan Ruby's term expired in 2018*)

She spoke with the nominee for appointment to the Arts Council, Kevin Pomerleau, Councilor Carney confirmed. He hasn't lived in the valley for long, only two years. She read an e-mail from Mr. Pomerleau expressing interest in the position. Among other things, he said he has been involved in local arts events and organizations since graduating from UMass in 2013 and has been producing and showing his own art in various venues. He would be a great representation of 'younger demographics' of great visual artists working throughout Northampton, he suggested.

Councilor Nash moved to make a positive recommendation for the appointment of Kevin Pomerleau to the Arts Council. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

#### **Central Business Architecture Committee**

**Joseph Blumenthal**, 39 Chapel Street, Northampton  
Term: July 2018-June 2021  
(*Reappointment*)

Mr. Blumenthal is quite pleased to have been on the Central Business Architecture Committee (CBAC) since its founding at least 20 years ago, Councilor Bidwell reported. He enjoys it and is proud of the role the committee has played, particularly its role in the design of the police station. Between his arts life and civic life, Mr. Blumenthal is 'Mr. Downtown,' Councilor Bidwell observed.

Councilor Bidwell moved to positively recommend Joseph Blumenthal for appointment to the Central Business Architecture Committee. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

#### **Disability Commission**

**Linda L. Kakos**, 220 Rocky Hill Road, Florence  
Term: September 2018-June 2021

*(To fill the vacancy after Gaetan Fortin's term expired in 2018)*

She talked with Linda Kakos, Councilor LaBarge confirmed. As a past member of the Disability Commission when it met in Memorial Hall, Ms. Kakos stated that she has become more aware of accessibility needs, especially as her own needs for access have increased.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the appointment of Linda Kakos with a positive recommendation. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

**Northampton Housing Authority - Board of Commissioners**

**Emily Laufer**, 241 Jackson Street, Apt. 10B, Northampton

Term: September 2018-June 2023

*(To fill vacancy after Ronald Hebert's term expired in 2018)*

He spoke with Ms. Laufer last week and was very impressed, Councilor Bidwell stated. She was involved in forming an unofficial tenants association at Hampshire Heights and is very concerned about the underrepresentation of housing authority tenants in decision-making. She is all about transparency and accountability and a greater tenant voice in decisions. As a single mother, she brings a lot of background and energy, and he thinks she would be a significant addition. Her appointment would bring the housing authority to a full complement. The Governor's appointee, James Brooks, is also a tenant. She is very eager to convert her organizing experience into working to promote tenant participation in housing administration, he indicated.

Councilor Bidwell to forward the appointment of Emily Laufer to the Northampton Housing Authority with a positive recommendation. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

Councilor Carney commented that this brings the tenant composition of the Board of Commissioners to 40%, which she certainly supports. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

**David C. Bloomberg**, 86 Vernon Street, Northampton

Term: July 2018-June 2021

*(Reappointment)*

He spoke to Mr. Bloomberg today, Councilor Nash related. He asked him why he wants to continue and he asked, "Why? Is someone else interested in doing it?"

He is more than happy to continue in this role. He has been a big supporter of affordable housing and has been involved with three affordable housing projects on Pleasant Street. He is also a big supporter of people with disabilities, people with addiction issues and those facing barriers to employment.

Councilor Nash moved to make a positive recommendation for Mr. Bloomberg staying on the ZBA. Councilor Bidwell seconded.

He has known Mr. Bloomberg for many years, and he's a treasure, Councilor Bidwell volunteered. He runs the meetings very well and has a lot of institutional memory. We're very lucky to have someone like that.

Mr. Bloomberg also said that he feels honored to serve with other members of the board, Councilor Nash added. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Members tentatively discussed not meeting October 1st if the council president were agreeable to having a brief City Services meeting within the regular City Council meeting on October 4, 2018. Councilor Nash said he is expecting a request from the Mayor' office to appoint a new member of the Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC) and would like to fill the vacancy before TPC's next regular meeting.

Members discussed a follow-up to the July road improvements discussion with the Mayor. The outcome of the last discussion was that the Mayor said they should have had the discussion earlier, Councilor Nash reminded. He thinks they should let the Mayor know now that they would like to have that discussion.

In his conversation with the Mayor, the Mayor also said they should have been talking about [prioritizing road reconstruction/paving projects] sooner, Councilor Bidwell related. "What we're talking about is taking him up on that," he suggested.

He talked to the Mayor about having a meeting with the full council to discuss budget priorities for the entire year, either in addition to or in conjunction with the pro forma meeting with the School Committee, Councilor Bidwell elaborated. He thinks the Mayor is thinking of a December or January time frame.

He would like to know from the Mayor when the ideal time for discussion of budgetary priorities would be and whether he see this discussion as something that would originate in City Services or be with the full council, Councilor Nash said. He said he thought the request should come from Councilor Carney as chair of the committee.

Councilor Carney asked Councilor Nash if he would be willing to draft the request for her delivery.

Councilor Bidwell said he would be interested in having a discussion with the Mayor on paving issues separate from the budget priorities discussion. Councilor Nash agreed to draft a request for presentation by Councilor Carney.

Councilor Carney asked if there were any other information requests councilors were interested in making of other departments.

Councilor Bidwell said he would be interested in receiving an update from Hampshire Hope, the county-wide coalition of providers - including the district attorney's office - working on the opioid crisis. Councilor Nash suggested the idea of an election post-mortem from the City Clerk; who could report on how the new voting machines worked and the progress of voter registration.

Councilor Carney listed budget priorities, the opioid crisis update and an elections update as potential topics for upcoming meetings. She suggested having the opioid crisis update as a back-up subject for the November meeting if the Mayor is not available to discuss paving.

6. Adjourn

Councilor Bidwell moved to adjourn. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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## MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ

City of Northampton

Office of the Mayor

210 Main Street Room 12

Northampton, MA 01060-3199

(413) 587-1249 Fax: (413) 587-1275

mayor@northamptonma.gov

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DATE: September 18, 2018

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz

**SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions**

Please find the attached appointments and re-appointments to City Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

### **Agricultural Commission**

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Term: October 2018- June 2021

*(Reappointment)*

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# City of Northampton

## Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

Name: Richard E Jaescke  
 Address: 774 Bridge Rd.  
 Email: RCW Landscapes@AOL.Com  
 Home Phone: 413-584-7898 Work: self employed Farm + landscape Cell: 413 535 0775  
 Occupation: Farm + landscape Const Years lived in Northampton: 69  
 Northampton Resident: Yes No

Please indicate the Committee(s) you have interest serving on: *(Appointment subject to vacancies)*

Agricultural Commission <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	License Commission
Almoners, Board of	Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees
Arts Council	Parks and Recreation Commission
Assessors, Board of	Planning Board
Central Business Architecture Committee	Public Shade Tree Commission
Community Preservation Committee	Public Works Commission
Conservation Commission	Redevelopment Authority
Council on Aging	Registrars, Board of
Disability Commission	Transportation & Parking Commission
Energy & Sustainability Commission	Trust Fund Committee
Health, Board of	Youth Commission
Historical Commission	Zoning Board of Appeals
Housing Partnership	
Human Rights Commission	

What skills and experience will you bring to this Committee assignment:

*(attach additional sheet or resume if necessary)*

Hay and straw producer  
Agricultural custom work

Are you currently serving or have you served on any City committee: \_\_\_\_\_ No  Yes\*

*(\*If yes please state what committee)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Required:** Please read the following, by signing below you state that you understand and agree:

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SIGNATURE Richard E Jaescke DATE 9/10/18

Please Return Form To: [Mayor@northamptonma.gov](mailto:Mayor@northamptonma.gov) or  
 David J. Narkewicz, Mayor, 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

**OPTIONAL INFORMATION**

*This information will be used for diversity purposes only.  
Complete it only if you wish to do so.*

Age:

Under 29 \_\_\_ 30-39 \_\_\_ 40-49 \_\_\_ 50-59 \_\_\_ 60-69  70 plus \_\_\_

Sex: M  F \_\_\_ Racial/Ethnic Background White Caucasian



**City of  
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Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov>

## Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

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Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 4:19 PM

To: mayor@northamptonma.gov

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*Please return the completed form to: Mayor@northamptonma.gov or David J. Narkewicz, Mayor 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060*

First Name	Susan
Last Name	Lofthouse
Title, if applicable	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Address1	15 Stoddard St
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Northampton
State	MA
Zip	01060
Home Phone	413-584-1354
Work Phone	413-735-6607
Cell Phone	413-588-4083
Occupation & Place of Employment	Development Associate New England Public Radio
Email	slofthouse1@verizon.net
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	28
Age	50 - 59
Sex	Female
Racial / Ethnic Background	White
Boards and Committees	Public Shade Tree Commission
Please list "other" board or	<i>Field not completed.</i>

committee of interest

What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment? I've attended almost all Public Shade Tree Commission Meetings over the past two years and have learned a great deal about the commission's work, goals and priorities. As a founding director and president of Tree Northampton, Inc. I've been leading citizen efforts in support of the city's tree program, coordinating efforts with the tree warden, Richard Parasiliti, Jr. and PSTC members and together with the other directors of Tree Northampton, working to inspire citizen support and engagement through a website, social media, large and small tree plantings throughout the city, training sessions, Arbor Day activities and two public educational programs. I have 25 years of nonprofit organizing and project management skills and experience and I've been a volunteer from an early age.

Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee? No

Please list other city committees you have served on *Field not completed.*

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Signature Susan Lofthouse

Date 8/29/2018

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Name: Adin Maynard  
 Address: 12 Perkins Ave Northampton  
 Email: adin.maynard@gmail.com  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 413.658.8784  
 Occupation: energy efficiency consultant Years lived in Northampton: 12  
 Northampton Resident:  Yes  No

Please indicate the Committee(s) you have interest serving on: *(Appointment subject to vacancies)*

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Disability Commission	Transportation & Parking Commission
<u>Energy &amp; Sustainability Commission</u>	Trust Fund Committee
Health, Board of	Youth Commission
Historical Commission	Zoning Board of Appeals
Housing Partnership	
Human Rights Commission	

What skills and experience will you bring to this Committee assignment:

*(attach additional sheet or resume if necessary)*

Statement attached . Resume attached.

Are you currently serving or have you served on any City committee: \_\_\_\_\_ No  Yes\*

*(\*If yes please state what committee)* I served on NESC for 5 years, or so. When my daughter was diagnosed with Leukemia last Oct, I resigned to have all focus on home through her initial treatment

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SIGNATURE  DATE 09/14/2018

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Sex: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Racial/Ethnic Background \_\_\_\_\_

As an energy efficiency consultant and a HERS rater , I have deep experience in a variety of local energy efficiency programs. I am confident that I will be an active and valuable member of the Northampton Energy and Sustainability Commission.

My life's work is improving the energy performance of buildings. As industry, technology, and housing market evolve, I seek to always be involved in making new and existing buildings more efficient so that our next generations will have a chance adapting to climate change.

Resume attached.

Thank you for the consideration,  
Adin Maynard

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **OWNER, HIS & HERS ENERGY EFFICIENCY— DEC 2012 - CURRENT**

Energy efficiency and high performance building design and diagnostic services. Provide certified HERS Ratings and energy code compliance services in the MA, CT, and RI building and design communities. Support projects by completing energy modeling with REM/Rate, leveraging utility rebates and incentive programs for new construction and existing buildings.

### **PRINCIPAL, ADIN MAYNARD CONSULTING — AUG 2012 - JAN 2013**

Consulted with home performance firms and MyEnergy.com (acquired by NEST/Google) a behavioral energy efficiency software platform. Designed and executed inbound and outbound marketing initiatives. Wrote content for a new web-based feature that provided tips and guides, based on principles of building science, to inspire users to reduce building energy use.

### **PROGRAM ASSOCIATE, C3 ENERGY (ACQUIRED EFFICIENCY 2.0) — FEB 2012 - JULY 2012**

Managed community marketing for Western Mass Saves, an innovative online energy efficiency tool of Western Massachusetts Electric Company that links directly to residential utility accounts. Developed strategies to acquire more users and achieve deeper energy savings through enhanced engagement tactics around energy efficiency. Recruited local businesses as reward partners and designed outreach campaigns to meet overall program goals. Created original content for the online platform. Regularly reported data metrics to utility clients relating to program acquisition and engagement goals. Kept clear program budget records.

### **DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, COZY HOME PERFORMANCE LLC — 2009 - 2012**

Directed all business operations of a leading Western MA BPI Accredited building performance contracting company that provides advanced energy efficiency solutions for residential, commercial, and institutional buildings. Established computer systems, developed assessment protocols and data forms, designed and maintained website and marketing initiatives, managed projects, performed building diagnostics, energy modeling, and building retrofit sales. Facilitated overall company growth. Provided input to DOER (State), utility program administrators, and other stakeholders that resulted in enhancements to rate-payer funded energy efficiency programs.

## **EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS**

Certified HERS Rater (Home Energy Rater), RESNET — 2012

Certified Passive House Consultant - 2017

**University of Massachusetts Amherst — 2006**

Bachelor of Arts: Sustainable Design and Urban Planning



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Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov>

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First Name	Debin
Last Name	Bruce
Title, if applicable	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Address1	<a href="#">46 Columbus Ave</a>
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Northampton
State	MA
Zip	01060
Home Phone	413 727 8134
Work Phone	413 727 8134
Cell Phone	413 230 4024
Occupation & Place of Employment	Fed Govt = NTSB
Email	<a href="mailto:bruced@ntsb.gov">bruced@ntsb.gov</a>
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	14
Age	60 - 69
Sex	Female
Racial / Ethnic Background	caucasian
Boards and Committees	Transportation & Parking Commission

Please list "other" board or committee of interest *Field not completed.*

What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment? transportation Safety Assessments

Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee? Yes

Please list other city committees you have served on Past = CPC, Planning Board, TPC, Rail; current = Ped/Bike Subcommittee

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Signature D S Bruce

Date 9/16/2018

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