

## ***Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments, & Ordinances***

***Councilor David A. Murphy***  
***Councilor Maureen T. Carney***  
***Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell***

***Minutes of Meeting Date:***

***Meeting Time:***

City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street  
Northampton, Massachusetts

***\*Activate NCTV Camera to Record Minutes***

6/15/2015 - Minutes

**1. Meeting Called To Order**

*At 6:00 pm Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.*

**2. Announcement Of Audio/Video Recording Of Meeting**

*Councilor Murphy announced that the meeting would be video and audio taped.*

**3. Members Present/Absent**

*All members of the committee were present (Councilor Murphy, Councilor O'Donnell, and Councilor Carney)*

**4. Public Comment**

*None*

**5. Approve Minutes Of The Previous Meeting**

**A. Minutes Of May 18, 2015**

*Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

**6. 6:05 P.M. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Changes To Special Conservancy District**

Councilor Carney moved to open the Public Hearing; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

Senior Land Planner Carolyn Misch provided background information regarding the introduced changes. She explained that there will not be a change to the SC district but rather only a change to the text.

The Planning group is reviewing all of the zoning ordinances; this particular ordinance moved to the top of the list to allow reuse of existing historic religious and educational buildings; a former church, which is up for sale in Leeds would fall under this ordinance.

Councilor Carney moved to close the Public Hearing; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The

motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

## **7. Orders And Ordinances For Review**

### **A. 15.431 Ordinance Pertaining To Special Conservancy (SC) District**

*Councilor Carney moved to send the Ordinance back to the City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

## **8. Appointments For Committee Approval**

### **A. 15.430 New Appointments To The Human Rights Commission**

Douglas A. Ross, 73 Barrett St., term May 2015 - June 2018

Joel Morse, 51 Vernon St., term May 2015 - June 2018

*Councilor O'Donnell moved to send the appointments back to the City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

### **B. 15.453 Appointments To Committees-Refer To Committee On Rules, Orders, Appointments And Ordinances**

Disability Commission:

Chris Palames, 659 Park Hill Road, Florence: new appointment replacing the unexpired term of Susan McCreary - term June 2015 - November 2016.

*Councilor O'Donnell moved to send the appointment back to the City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

Human Rights Commission:

Carla Velez, 80 Barrett St.: new appointment replacing the expired term of Sara Weinberger - term June 2015 - June 2018.

*Councilor Carney moved to send the appointment back to the City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

## **9. New Business**

## **10. Adjourn**

*At 6:20 pm Councilor Carney moved to adjourn; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

*Respectfully submitted by  
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