



COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Special Meeting

January 20, 2016
Town Clerk's Office

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Peter Kochenburger, Chair of the Committee, at 6:33 pm

Present: Peter Kochenburger, Mark Sargent, Ben Shaiken

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting, as presented. The motion passed.

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were in attendance.

4. VACANCY AND APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were approved as recommendations to the Town Council:

The appointment of Jamie Lang-Rodean as an alternate on the Board of Ethics for a term ending June 30, 2018

The appointment of Pamela Roberts to the Mansfield Advocates for Children for a term ending June 30, 2019

The appointment of Jason Stearns as an alternate on the Agriculture Committee for a term ending October 12, 2018

The reappointment of Susan Harrington, Julianna Barrett and Tom Harrington for terms ending August 1, 2019 and William Thorne for a term ending August 1, 2017

The reappointment of Michael Soares for a term ending December 31, 2017 and Roberta Coughlin (alternate) and Vicky Wetherell for terms ending December 31, 2018

Members discussed the benefits of hearing from volunteer candidates directly, prior to recommending to the Council, and agreed to ask prospective volunteers to either attend or call

into a Committee on Committees meeting. The Town Clerk will include the request in the response to the volunteer applications.

5. OUTREACH FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Chair will contact IT Director Jaime Russell to discuss the Committee's options on the current and soon to be redesigned website and will talk to Mayor Shapiro about highlighting one of the committees at Council meetings to take advantage of the viewing audience. The Town Clerk will talk to Town Manager Administrative Assistant Sara Ann Bourque regarding advertising on facebook.

Members discussed the email from Maggie Ferron and how best to advertise the available opportunities on the various committees. Committee members offered various ideas on how to best contact residents including sending letters of welcome to new voters or new home owners, speaking at PTO meetings, power point presentations of available openings at various venues, and the distribution of copies of the handouts used at the Celebrate Mansfield Festival.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Sargent seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

