

Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2020

7:00pm

Room 121, Town Hall, 472 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720

Present: Gregory Hutchins, Xuan Kong and Fang Yang

Absent: Michael Brandt and Hart Millett

1. Opening

Chair Hutchins opened the meeting at 7:08PM

2. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the VCC’s February 24th, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended by a vote of 3 Yes.
- B. Update on Committee Openings/Appointments – Greg gave an update on Committee member appointments made by BOS since last VCC meeting, status of pending volunteer applications, and committee/board openings.
- C. Public Comments - None.

3. Interviews

Hearing on Application by Paul Simeone for Agricultural Commission

- Mr. Simeone is a farmer owning Stonefield Farm in Acton, which started in 1932 and contains their own land and rented land from the town.
- Mr. Simeone has a two years Associate Degree from Stockbridge School of Agriculture, a Pesticide Applicator's Licensing, and a Food Safety Certificate.
- Mr. Simeone was a volunteer call firefighter for the town, joined the Fire Department full time when it became a professional department in 1972, and retired as Captain.
- Mr. Simeone will be able to attend the Commission meetings, except in the harvest months.
- Mr. Simeone reported no apparent conflict of interest. However, he and his brothers are exploring the possibility of selling their farm to the town. Should the Agricultural Commission be asked to take a position on such a sale, he would recuse himself.
- Mr. Simeone has stayed up to town events and news through attending town meetings, browse town website, and keeping in touch with his friends, for example, in the Fire Department.

Motion to forward Paul Simeone’s name to the Board of Selectmen for further consideration to appoint as a member of the Agricultural Commission (3 Yes).

4. New/Special Business
none

5. Adjournment

At 7:48PM, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of February 24th, 2020.