

Memorandum

To: Natick Board of Selectmen
CC: Melissa A. Malone, Town Administrator
William Chenard, Town Administrator, Deputy of Operations
From: Leo Ryan, Chairman, Natick Sustainability Committee
Date: September 12, 2018
Subject: Natick Sustainability Committee Structure and Appointments

In August 2016, the Board of Selectmen approved the formation of a Sustainability Committee, comprised of seven members. Of these members, the charter dictates that five are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one is the designee of the Town Administrator and one is the designee of the Superintendent of Schools. In establishing the Committee, the Selectmen staggered the terms of the founding five appointed members, such that one was appointed for a term of three years, two were appointed for two years and two were appointed for one year.

Per our discussion with the Board on May 29, 2018, the Committee currently has three vacancies it seeks to fill: the Town Administrator's designee and two, three-year terms. Since advertising the vacancies and inviting the public to apply this summer, the Committee received 8 applications and reviewed potential candidates based on the Committee's need for specific areas of expertise.

Tonight we are here to request the Board take the following actions:

- Appoint candidates for the two, three year terms, with their terms ending June 30, 2021
- Revise the Committee's charge to allow the Committee to petition the Board to create non-voting, associate member positions for limited terms as needed
- Appoint two non-voting, associate member positions for one year terms

Recommended Candidates

Based on the composition and skill set of current members, the Natick Sustainability Committee recommends the Board appoint the following individuals to fill the current vacancies for the two, three year terms, with the terms ending June 30, 2021:

- **Carey Buttfeld, 69 Pond St, 3 year seat:** Mr. Buttfeld is a local environmental leader who currently supports the local Earth Day Planning team and serves as the Treasurer for Keep Natick Beautiful. He brings 32+ years of involvement in various capacities with a wide range of environmental and conservation organizations, including time as a member of Boston's first Recycling Committee, work managing a successful partnership with Newman's Own Organics, and serving as the Treasurer for Earth Day Boston.

- **Alfredo Vargas, 59 Felch Rd, 3 year seat:** Mr. Vargas is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer and the Design Engineer for the City of Newton. He brings an extensive background on climate resiliency, green infrastructure and stormwater management to the Committee. The Committee looks forward to working with him to support the Town's MVP goals.

The Committee will share applications from other candidates with the Town Administrator and will provide its recommendations, if desired, as she works to select a new designee.

Committee Charge

The Committee would like to harness the expertise and enthusiasm the recent application process generated, as it would benefit from additional support to complete several of the projects it identified in our first year, including the development of a green procurement policy and managing community outreach activities, including Earth Day, Clean Your Attic Day, Natick Days and other events. As such, we respectfully request the Board consider amending our charter to include the following language:

“If the Natick Sustainability Committee determines that additional professional or vocational expertise is needed to support specific efforts, it may petition the Board of Selectmen for the appointment of non-voting associate members for a limited term.”

If the Board approves this change, we would like to request the appointment of the following two Associate Members for one year terms:

- **David Mogolov, 24 Church St, Associate Member, Community Outreach.** Mr. Mogolov has an extensive background in marketing and communications and has a deep passion for sustainability. As a participant in the Solarize Natick program, he has a strong understanding of the type of outreach necessary to motivate behavior change and win support for sustainability projects. His expertise would be of significant value to the Committee.
- **Robert Barnacle, 26 Fernsdale Rd, Associate Member, Green Procurement.** Mr. Barnacle is currently pursuing a Masters of Sustainable Management and previously worked for Mass Save, a statewide energy efficiency program. He currently works for the City of Newton. He has volunteered to work with Katie Schindall, the Committee's Vice Chair, in collaboration with the Town's Procurement Officer, to draft proposed revisions to the Town's green procurement policy.

Thank you for your consideration.