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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a meeting of the above referenced subcommittee on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in a in a hybrid meeting style. The in-person meeting location was Bloomfield Town Hall – Council Chambers, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT, and the virtual location was via Zoom.

Councilors present were: *via Zoom:* Councilor Darrell Goodwin, Chair; Councilor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown

Councilors absent were: Councilor Elizabeth Waterhouse

Also present were:

- Town Council: *In-Person*—Mayor Anthony Harrington
- Town Staff: *In-Person*—Lynn Weisel, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Goodwin briefly outlined the interview process. The following residents were interviewed by the Subcommittee, and asked to share about themselves, if they would be able to attend meetings, and why they were interested in serving:

Board & Commission Interviews – New Applicants & Reappointments

a) **Emergency Medical Systems Committee**
Councilor Goodwin reported that Emergency Medical Services Committee membership expired in November 2025 and that the full nine-member committee needs to be appointed for a term ending 11/8/27.

- *New Applicant Interviews*
  - Sharon Furman
  - Robert Mara
- *Reappointment (Current Members) Interviews*
  - Patrick Braun
  - Mary Lauippa
  - Susan Zetoff
  - James Dailey
  - Seth Pitts

b) **Economic Development Commission/Development Authority**
Councilor Goodwin reported that there are four open seats on the Economic Development Commission and Development Authority for terms ending 1/31/28, 1/31/29, 1/31/30, and 1/31/31.

- *New Applicant Interviews*

- Katonya Hughey

c) Fair Rent Commission

Councilor Goodwin reported that Fair Rent Commission membership expired November 2025, and the full seven-member Commission needs to be appointed for a term ending in November 2026.

- *Reappointment (Current Members) Interviews*
  - Joy Chance

d) Youth Diversion Team

Councilor Goodwin stated that the Bloomfield Youth Diversion Team has five vacancies for citizen representatives for a term ending November 2027, noting that the full board, including staff and professional members, need to be appointed.

- *New Applicant Interviews*
  - Kate Keefe

e) Youth Adult Commission

Councilor Goodwin reported that the Youth Adult Council has six vacancies for citizen representatives for a term ending in November 2027.

- *New Applicant Interviews*
  - Keniesha Johnson-Krewalk
- *Reappointment (Current Members) Interviews*
  - Andrea Tavares

f) Board of Education

Councilor DeBeatham-Brown reported that a vacancy was created on the Board of Education from the resignation of a member of the Republican Party on 7/9/26, and as per Town Charter, needs to be filled within sixty days of vacancy, 9/7/26, by a member of the same political party.

- *New Applicant Interviews*
  - Robert Ike

g) Golf Advisory Committee

Councilor DeBeatham-Brown stated that the Golf Advisory Committee has three vacancies, all for two-year terms ending June 2028.

- *New Applicant Interviews*
  - Matt McCarthy

h) Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Councilor DeBeatham-Brown noted that the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission has a vacancy for one member with a term ending November 2026. No applicants were in attendance to

be interviewed.

i) Public Art Commission

Councilor DeBeatham-Brown noted that Public Art Commission membership expired November 2025, and the full seven-member Commission needs to be appointed for a term ending November 2027.

- *New Applicant Interviews*
  - Chip Caton
  - Neil Clark
  - Patrick Lawrence
- *Reappointment (Current Members) Interviews*
  - Arshenna Hines
  - Robin Sherwood

j) Conservation, Energy & Environment Committee

Councilor DeBeatham-Brown reported that Conservation, Energy & Environment Committee membership expired November 2025, and the full nine-member Commission needs to be appointed for a term ending November 2027.

- *New Applicant Interviews*
  - Brad Huskinson
  - Corina Presutti
- *Reappointment (Current Members) Interviews*
  - Nancy Bowden
  - Bob Dickinson
  - Claudia Gwardyak
  - Paula Jones
  - Zellene Sandler
  - Brenda Watson
  - Jessica White

k) Parks & Recreation Committee

Councilor Goodwin reported that the Recreation Committee membership expired November 2025, and the full nine-member committee needs to be appointed for a term ending November 2027.

- *New Applicant Interviews*
  - Jenette Lawrence
  - Nikolas Touros
- *Reappointment (Current Members) Interviews*
  - Paula Jones

<u>Discussion and Possible Action regarding Appointment Reappointments</u>

a) Bloomfield Housing Authority

b) **Board of Education**
c) **Economic Development Commission/Development**
d) **Golf Advisory Committee**
e) **Lower Farmington River & Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Committee**

There was a brief discussion on the need to make an appointment recommendation for the Board of Education vacancy in order to meet statutory guidelines to fill the position by 9/7/26. Councilor DeBeatham-Brown noted that the vacancy needed to be filled by a member of the same political party as created the vacancy, and that Mr. Ike was recommended by the Republican Town Committee.

It was moved by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, seconded by Councilor Goodwin, and approved unanimously to table discussion and possible action on items a, c, d and e.

It was moved by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, seconded by Councilor Goodwin, and approved unanimously to submit Bob Ike as the Republican replacement for the Board of Education to the full Council.

Public Comment

- *Mayor Anthony Harrington*, stated that there were outstanding candidates interviewed, and that he was pleased to see so many people interested in volunteering their expertise with the Town.

- *Kate Keefe, 16 Breezy Knoll Drive*, thanked the Committee for their time, and noted that listening to the interviews gave her hope for the community. She highlighted the importance of allowing residents to see the process. She recommended that the Committee reconsider the reappointment of the Charter Revision Commission, and instead have the Commission follow the current Committee on Committee process.

Councilor DeBeatham-Brown thanked all the applicants for coming out, and noted that if someone was not able to attend one meeting that they had another chance to be interviewed.

Councilor Goodwin acknowledged some residents' frustration in needing to interview for reappointment, and echoed Ms. Keefe's comments on the hope from hearing residents talk about their commitment, community engagement, and ideas for the Town.

Approval of Minutes – 7/16/26 Special Meeting

It was moved by Councilor DeBeatham-Brown, seconded by Councilor Goodwin, and approved unanimously to approve the 7/16/26 special meeting minutes as written.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Weisel, Recording Secretary.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bWByFY3hgY