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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a meeting of the above reference subcommittee on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. 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.

Councilor(s) present were: **In-Person**—None; and ***via Zoom***—Councilor Darrell Goodwin, Chair; Councilor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown

Councilor(s) absent were: Elizabeth Waterhouse

Also present were:

- **Town Staff:** *In-Person*—Latonia Tabb, Clerk of Council; Lynn Weisel, Recording Secretary
- **Guest:** Yvonne Davis, YWCA 50/50 Campaign

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Ms. Yvonne Davis presented the YWCA Hartford Region's 50/50 Campaign, which promotes broader and more inclusive participation in municipal boards and commissions. She discussed renewing and expanding the Town's partnership with the YWCA through community outreach, promotion of vacancies, year-round applications, and training on board responsibilities, Robert's Rules of Order, ethics, and Freedom of Information requirements. Link below for presentation.
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Councilor DeBeatham-Brown expressed support for reviving the partnership and its potential benefit to Bloomfield. Councilor Goodwin, Chair, commended the Town's recent recruitment efforts, noting that more than 100 residents had interviewed for board and commission positions, and emphasized the need to expand outreach, strengthen diversity, and prepare residents for future service. Ms. Davis proposed coordinating with Town staff to review application and vacancy data and develop additional outreach and training opportunities.

Board & Commission Interviews – New Applicants & Reappointments

Councilor Goodwin, Chair, reported that interviews remained for the Committee on Aging and the Bloomfield Beautification Committee. He stated that additional interview opportunities would be offered to accommodate residents' schedules and noted concerns regarding evening in-person interviews for Committee on Aging applicants due to transportation and accessibility challenges. He indicated that the Committee would explore virtual interview options and possible assistance to support broader participation.

a) **Commission on Aging**
   - *Reappointment (Current Members) Interviews*
     - Patricia Miller
     - Halesteen Graham Days

b) Bloomfield Beautification Committee

- *Reappointment (Current Members) Interviews*
  - Sharon Mann

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

No edits. Minutes stand as approved.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councilor Goodwin, Chair, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.