



Legislation Text

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APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to appoint Ms. Jessica Cobb (D) 7 Whippoorwill Drive, Gales Ferry, to the Planning & Zoning Commission, as an Alternate Member to complete a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2022 filling a vacancy left by Mr. Awrach.

Background:

Ms. Cobb has been an active member of the community, serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Ms. Cobb has expressed an interest in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission. She has a Bachelors of Science in Geosciences, Certificate of Achievement in Inland Wetland Agency Comprehensive Training Program and a Certificate in Web Development (see attached Resume').

Administrative Notes:

Ms. Scanlon resigned from the Planning & Zoning Commission, as she would be moving out of town (please see attached resignation letter dated 7/14/2022).

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended Alternate Member James Awrach be moved to a Regular Member to fill Ms. Scanlon's vacancy leaving ; leaving an Alternate Member Vacancy on the Commission.

The Democratic Nominating Committee has recommended the appointment of Ms. Jessica Cobb to fill the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission

Nominating Committee Recommendation:

From: So Rodriguez <ledyarddctcnaomi@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 8:59 AM

To: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>

Subject: P & Z Candidate for Opening Vacancy

Good Morning Roxanne,

The DTC Nominating Committee has voted on 7/20/22 to forward/recommend Jessica Cobb fill the open vacancy left by Katie Scanlon for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Attached please find Jessica Cobb's application, resume and a certificate. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Naomi Rodriguez, Chair

DTC Nominating Committee

(Please see attached e-mail dated 7/21/2022)

Meeting Action Details:

Town Council Meeting 9/14/2022

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Mover: Whit Irwin Seconded: S. Naomi Rodrigues

Result: Pass

Minute Notes

Moved by Councilor Irwin, seconded by Councilor Rodriguez

Discussion: Councilor Irwin stated Ms. Cobb has been an active member in the community and that she has expressed an interest in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Councilor Saums stated Ms. Cobb was attending tonight's meeting remotely, and he thanked her for serving the community, noting with her background in land use that she would be an asset to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Councilor Rodriguez stated Ms. Cobb has a great resume, noting her background would make her a great addition to the Planning & Zoning Commission. She stated Ms. Cobb has a Bachelors of Science in Geosciences and a Certificate of Achievement in Inland Wetland Agency Comprehensive Training Program. She thanked Ms. Cobb for stepping forward to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

VOTE: 6- 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Approved

Administration Cmt Meeting 7/27/2022

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Mover: Mary K. McGrattan <https://ledyardct.legistar.com/PersonDetail.aspx?ID=272273&GUID=D3C0CBA1-E760-4F57-BA8E-93AA711AC89C> Seconder: Whit Irwin <https://ledyardct.legistar.com/PersonDetail.aspx?ID=272271&GUID=7D7C9474-6EEF-4985-B9F8-28216D19FE06>

Result: Pass

Agenda note:

Minutes Note: Moved by Councilor McGrattan, seconded by Councilor Irwin Discussion: Councilor Ingalls noted Mr. Cherry’s comments earlier this evening (Ill Citizens Comments - please see above). She stated that she agreed with Mr. Cherry, noting that Ms. Cobb’s resume was attached to the Agenda packet on the Granicus-Legistar Meeting Portal. She stated Ms. Cobb had a robust background that would serve the Planning & Zoning Commission well. VOTE: 3 - 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Recommended for Approval

Minority Representation - CGS 9-167a:

In accordance with Chapter IV; Section 8 of the Town Charter “Except as otherwise provided for in this Charter, the Town Council may appoint members to fill vacancies in other offices, boards, and commissions established by this Charter and by ordinance as vacancies may occur, and appointing members to such offices, boards, and commissions as may be created in the future. Such appointments shall be made by the Town Council for such terms and upon such conditions as provided in the respective ordinance”.

Chapter IV, Section 9: “In making appointments and removals, the Town Council shall act by the affirmative votes of at least a majority of all its members.

All members of boards, commissions, and committees contained in this Charter, or subsequently created under this Charter, except members of the Building Code Board of Appeals, the Fire Marshal, and the Deputy Fire Marshal(s), shall be electors of the Town at the time of their appointment and during their terms of office.”

Connecticut General Statutes

Sec. 9-167a. Minority representation. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the maximum number of members of any board, commission, legislative body, committee or similar body of the state or any political subdivision thereof, whether elective or appointive, who may be members of the same political party, shall be as specified in the following table:

| Total Membership | Maximum from One Party |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 3 | 2 |

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| 4 | 3 |
| 5 | 4 |
| 6 | 4 |
| 7 | 5 |
| 8 | 5 |
| 9 | 6 |
| More than 9 Two-thirds of total membership | |

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply (A) to any such board, commission, committee or body whose members are elected wholly or partially on the basis of a geographical division of the state or political subdivision, (B) to a legislative body of a municipality (i) having a town meeting as its legislative body or (ii) for which the charter or a special act, on January 1, 1987, provided otherwise or (C) to the city council of an unconsolidated city within a town and the town council of such town if the town has a town council and a representative town meeting, the town charter provides for some form of minority representation in the election of members of the representative town meeting, and the city has a city council and a body having the attributes of a town meeting or (D) to the board of directors and other officers of any district, as defined in section 7-324, having annual receipts from all sources not in excess of two hundred fifty Thousand dollars.

(b) Prior to any election for or appointment to any such body, the municipal clerk, in cases of elections, and the appointing authority, in cases of appointments, shall determine the maximum number of members of any political party who may be elected or appointed to such body at such election or appointment. Such maximum number shall be determined for each political party in the following manner: From the number of members of one political party who are members of such body at the time of the election or appointment, subtract the number of members of such political party whose terms expire prior to the commencement of the terms for which such election or appointment is being held or made and subtract the balance thus arrived at from the appropriate number specified in column II of subsection (a) of this section.