



Watertown City Council

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Anthony Palomba,
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Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

Report of the Committee on Economic Development and Planning Meeting Date: March 3, 2025

The Committee convened on Monday March 3, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Office. Present were Lisa Feltner, chair; John Gannon, vice chair; and Vincent Piccirilli, secretary. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a Public Arts & Culture Committee interview.

Jesse Needleman is a marketing executive who is currently the Vice President of Marketing, Sales & Communications for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He grew up in the Boston area and went to college and grad school here, and has lived in Watertown for 10 years. He read Watertown's Public Arts Master Plan and was very impressed with what we were able to achieve, and he wants to become more engaged with community events in Watertown. He believes his skills in business, marketing, and communications, plus his experience working for a major arts organization, will be a good fit for the Public Arts & Culture Committee.

➔ **Action Item:** Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Gannon, to recommend that the City Council confirm Jesse Needleman for Appointment to the Public Arts and Culture Committee for a term to expire November 15, 2027. Voted 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Report prepared by Vincent Piccirilli