



Watertown City Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
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Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

Report of the Committee on Economic Development & Planning Meeting Date: December 18, 2023

The Committee convened on Monday December 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Office, as a hybrid meeting with remote participation by Zoom. Present was Lisa Feltner, chair; and attending by Zoom was Vincent Piccirilli, secretary. John Gannon, vice chair, was absent. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct Historic District Commission interviews.

Councilor Feltner stated that Elizabeth Hayes was scheduled to be interviewed, but was not able to make the meeting.

Robert Bloomberg (by zoom) is seeking reappointment to the Historic District Commission as the Historical Society appointee. Trained as a historian, he is concerned about preserving our history, and that changes made to the original buildings in the District are in harmony to maintain their character. He sees the Mt. Auburn Street reconstruction as an opportunity to differentiate the Historic District through signage or other street elements.

Jae Hyoung Kim is an architect and is seeking reappointment to the Historic District Commission as the AIA (American Institute of Architects) appointee. He has just completed his first year on the Commission, with the opportunity to participate in several decisions, and he is excited for continuing to serve. He spoke about his work appearing before Historic District Commissions in other cities and towns, and how that informs his work in Watertown. He would like the Commission to have input on signage on Mt. Auburn Street to highlight the Historic District.

- ➔ **Action Item:** Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Feltner, to recommend that the City Council confirm Robert Bloomberg for reappointment as the Historical Society member to the Historic District Commission for a term to expire November 15, 2026. The vote was 2-0 by a roll call vote.
- ➔ **Action Item:** Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Feltner, to recommend that the City Council confirm Jae Hyoung Kim for reappointment as the AIA member to the Historic District Commission for a term to expire November 15, 2026. The vote was 2-0 by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm by a roll call vote.

Report prepared by Vincent Piccirilli