

**Watertown City Council
Committee on Human Services
Monday, August 7, 2023**

Members Present: Councilor Tony Palomba, Chair; Councilor Caroline Bays, Vice Chair; and Councilor John Gannon, Secretary

The Committee on Human Services held a public meeting on August 7, 2023, at 5:30pm to consider re-appointments of trustees to the Watertown Affordable Housing Trust.

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Palomba called the meeting to order at 5:35pm and introduced the other committee members present: Caroline Bays, Vice Chair; and John Gannon, Secretary. Also present during the course of the meeting were Jill Hyde and Leo Patterson.

1. Interview of Jill Hyde on Confirmation of Her Re-Appointment to the Housing Trust for a Term to Expire on June 30, 2025.

Jill Hyde serves as a lawyer and has an extensive background in real estate development, servicing, management, finance, and title issues. She has worked on numerous affordable housing development projects and has been involved in all aspects of real estate transactions. She has focused on the development of transit-oriented housing projects. She stated that Watertown is making initial progress in exploring a number of parcels for affordable housing purposes, and she stated that Watertown needs more funding to construct affordable housing. Councilor Gannon moved that the Committee recommend that Jill Hyde be re-appointed to the Housing Trust, seconded by Councilor Bays. The vote to approve the nomination was 3-0.

2. Interview of Leo Patterson on Confirmation of His Re-Appointment to the Housing Trust for a Term to Expire on June 30, 2025.

Leo Patterson has a background in the design and construction of affordable housing. Going back over a period of twenty years, he has worked on the development of numerous affordable housing developments, including in Jersey City, NJ; Cambridge, Lowell and Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard. His firm is also proficient in quality design and in developing elderly housing, including inter-

generational housing opportunities. He has also served on the Watertown School Building Committee. He expressed his appreciation for his service on the Trust as enlightening him on the challenges of funding of affordable housing. He sees the Trust as an invaluable resource in encouraging more affordable housing for Watertown. Councilor Bays moved that the Committee recommend that Leo Patterson be re-appointed to the Housing Trust, seconded by Councilor Gannon. The vote to approve the nomination was 3-0.

Councilor Gannon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Bays. The vote was 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

In addition, the Committee also requests that the City Council vote on the following action items:

Action Item 1. Confirmation of Jill Hyde for re-appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Action Item 2. Confirmation of Leo Patterson for re-appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
John Gannon, Secretary