



**Watertown City Council
Committee on Public Works**

Councilor Piccirilli, Chair, Councilor Feltner, Vice Chair, Councilor Palomba, Secretary

Committee Report

April 16, 2024

The Committee on Public Works met on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 in the City Council Room at 5:00 PM to interview Ms. Jill Ayers for appointment to the Conservation Commission for a term ending February 15, 2025. All the members of the Committee were present as well as Ms. Ayers.

Councilor Piccirilli introduced the Committee members to Ms. Ayers. He gave a brief overview of the role of the Conservation Commission. He also reviewed the existing ponds, wetlands, and open space in Watertown that are overseen by the Commission. Ms. Ayers noted that she had spoken to a member of the Commission and attended one meeting before applying which gave her some idea of what the Commission’s responsibilities are.

In response to the question of “Why do you want to serve on the Conservation Commission?”, Ms. Ayers explained that she wanted to get more involved in Watertown and while at a visit to the Farmers’ Market she saw material about the City needing volunteers to serve on various committees, boards, and commissions. The Conservation Commission was particularly interesting to her because she has always had an interest in the environment and felt working with like-minded people would be rewarding. She also noted her strong belief in giving back to her community and in making a difference as a volunteer. Presently she fosters animals and is a member of Sea Shepherds, a New England non-profit focused on education and advocacy around water resources.

Councilor Palomba made the following motion –

That the Committee recommend to the full City Council to approve the appointment of Ms. Jill Ayers to the Conservation Commission for a term ending February 15, 2025.

Councilor Feltner seconded the motion and it passed 3 -0.

Councilor Feltner made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Palomba and passed 3 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM. The minutes were prepared by Councilor Palomba.

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Chair	Lisa J. Feltner, Vice Chair	Anthony Palomba, Secretary
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