

The June 23, 2021, Special Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen-Elect was convened at 5:10 p.m. by First Selectman Beth Heller via WebEx. The purpose of the meeting was to receive and act on nominations to various boards, commissions, agencies, offices, and other appointees of the Town of Woodbridge for ensuing terms of office.

Present via roll call: Joseph Crisco, First Selectman Beth Heller, Paul Kuriakose, Dr. David Lober, Sheila McCreven, and David Vogel.

Present for Staff: Town Counsel Gerald Weiner, Media Specialist Pua Ford, and Clerk Geraldine Shaw.

The meeting may be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/1QsJ6VPAd1k>

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REMARKS

Returning First Selectman Beth Heller welcomed the Board of Selectmen-Elect, and returning member Joseph Crisco to the first meeting of many meetings to come. She also congratulated everyone on their election. She continued: *“There is much to do. I am optimistic as we set out to work collaboratively on behalf of all the town’s people of Woodbridge. I would also like to note my deep appreciation to everyone who expressed interest in serving the Town on a board or commission. There has been an outpouring of interest of many qualified folks. My priorities have been to select as many new-comers as possible, while balancing the need to retain those who bring experience and institutional memory to the work of these boards and commissions. This really is a blending of the old and the new. I would like to thank both Town Committees for their timely communication of the respective nominations, it is much appreciated and helps a lot to streamline the process.*

You have before you in your packet for this meeting a list of nominees, many of whom are cross endorsed along with resumes and bio details for those who are seeking to be first time members of boards and commissions. I’d like to propose that we turn to each board and take nominations in an expedited manner. Then, after a motion to close the nominations for that Board, we will precede to vote on each individual nominee to that board until the open seats are filled. “

APPOINTMENTS

AMITY BOARD OF EDUCATION – Vacancy to June 30, 2023

Sudhir Karunakaran (McCreven – Crisco) Unanimously Approved to fill the vacancy on the Amity Board of Education for a term ending June 30, 2023.

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

Andrea Urbano to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco) Unanimously Approved

Steve Munno to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco) Unanimously Approved

BOARD OF FINANCE

Donavon Lofters to fill a vacancy to June 2023 (McCreven – Crisco) Unanimously Approved

Thomas Handler to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)

Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven

Nay – Lober, Vogel

Mr. Handler’s appointment was approved

Ellen Scalettar to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)

Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven

Nay – Lober, Vogel

Ms. Scalettar’s appointment was approved

DISSENT WITH PROCEDURE

Mr. Vogel expressed his dissent with the nominating and appointing procedure, his disappointment that the Board is asked to vote for individuals with no discussion of qualifications or explanation as to why one person is put forth over someone who may be more qualified.

Ms. Heller and Mr. Weiner explained that for many years the process has been for the political nominating committees to discuss nominees prior to the preparation of the list. Neither knew if there was any such discussion and agreement this year. Mr. Weiner noted that in some years the majority party, Republican or Democrat, have not accepted the nominees of the other party.

The nominating process continued.

BOARD OF FINANCE - CONTINUED

Dwight Rowland to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)

Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven

Nay – Lober, Vogel

Mr. Rowland's appointment was approved

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Bruce Mandell to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)

Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven

Nay – Lober, Vogel

Mr. Mandell's appointment was approved

Pasquale Izzo to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)

Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven, Vogel

Nay – Lober

Mr. Izzo's appointment was approved

Martin Halprin to June 30, 2025 (Lober – Vogel)

No action taken as the openings were filled

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Andrew Esposito to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Vogel)

Vote: Unanimously approved

Mr. Esposito's appointment was approved

Michael Shanbrom to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)

Vote: Aye - Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven

Nay – Lober, Vogel

Mr. Shanbrom's appointment was approved

Steven Falcigno to June 30, 2025 (Lober – Vogel)

No action taken as the openings were filled

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Valerie Holly-King to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Ms. Holly-King's appoint was approved

Diana McCarthy-Bercury to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Ms. McCarthy-Bercury's appointment was approved

Barbara Hagen-Smith to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Lober)
Vote: Unanimously Approved
Ms. Hagen-Smith's appointment was approved

COMMISSION ON THE USE OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES

Patricia McKeon to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Lober)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven, Vogel
Nay – Lober

Ms. McKeon's appointment was approved

Leslie Lyons to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, Vogel
Nay – Lober

Ms. Lyons' appointment was approved

Todd Saddo to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, Vogel
Nay – Lober

Mr. Sasso's appointment was approved

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Scott Prud'homme to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven
Nay – Lober, Vogel

Mr. Prud'homme's appointment was approved

Arthur Katz to June 30, 2025 (McCreven, Kuriakose)
Vote: Aye - Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven
Nay – Lober, Vogel

Mr. Katz's appointment was approved

Robert Sharrer to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven
Nay – Lober, Vogel

Robert Hill to June 30, 2025 (Lober – Vogel)
No action taken as the openings were filled

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Alan Davidson to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously Approved
Dr. Davidson's appointment was approved

Benjamin Cherry to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously Approved
Dr. Cherry's appointment was approved

Roy Ivins to June 30, 2025 – (McCreven – Vogel)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously Approved
Mr. Ivins' appointment was approved

GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMISSION

Tobenna Nwangwu to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously Approved
Mr. Nwangwu's appointment was approved

Mary Hill to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Heller)

Vote: Aye – Unanimously Approved
Ms. Hill’s appointment was approved

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Janet Ciarleglio to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Lober)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously Approved
Ms. Ciarleglio’s appointment was approved
Jennifer Clarke-Lofters to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Lober)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously Approved
Ms. Clarke-Lofters’ appointment was approved
Viviana Livesay to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Vogel)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously Approved
Ms. Livesay’s appointment was approved
Lauren Faith Miller to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Vogel)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously approved
Ms. Miller’s appointment was approved
Cathy Austin to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Vogel)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously approved
Ms. Austin’s appointment was approved

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY

Barry Josephs to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven
Nay – Lober, Vogel
Dr. Josephs’ appointment was approved
Robert Blythe to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven
Nay – Lober, Vogel
Mr. Blythe’s appointment was approved
Joshua Goldberg to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven
Nay – Lober, Vogel
Mr. Goldberg’s appointment was approved
Steven Sosensky to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven
Nay – Lober, Vogel
Mr. Sosensky’s appoint was approved

LIBRARY COMMISSION

A.J. Capiello to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously Approved
Mr. Capiello’s appointment was approved
Emily Sharp to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)
Vote: Aye – Unanimously approved
Ms. Sharp’s appointment was approved
Margaret Hamilton to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, Lober, McCreven
Abstention – Vogel
Ms. Hamilton’s appointed was approved

Richard Blackwell to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)

Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven

Nay – Lober

Abstention – Vogel

Mr. Blackwell's appointment was approved

Thanh Bui Huntington to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)

Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, Lober, McCreven

Abstention – Vogel

Ms. Huntington's appointment was approved

Cindy Zak to June 30, 2025 (Vogel – Lober)

No action was taken as the openings were filled

RECREATION COMMISSION

Jane Shernow to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)

Vote: Unanimously approved

Ms. Shernow's appointment was approved

William DeRosa to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)

Vote: Unanimously approved

Mr. DeRosa's appointment was approved

Andrea Weinstein to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)

Vote: Unanimously approved

Ms. Weinstein's appointment was approved

Kimberly Hynes to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)

Vote: Unanimously approved

Ms. Hynes' appointment was approved

Sanjay Gupta to June 30, 2025 (Vogel – Lober)

No action was taken as the openings were filled

TOWN PLAN & ZONING COMMISSION

Jeffrey Kennedy moved from position of Alternate to fill a vacancy on the Commission to June 30, 2023 (McCreven – Crisco)

Aye: Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven

Nay: Lober, Vogel

Mr. Kennedy's appointment was approved

Paul Schatz to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)

Vote: Unanimously approved

Mr. Schatz's appointment was approved

Lawrence Greenberg to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Heller)

Vote: Unanimously approved

Mr. Greenberg's appointment was approved

Andrew Skolnick to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)

Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, Lober, McCreven

Nay – Vogel

Mr. Skolnick's appointment was approved

Alternate – Kathleen Hunter to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)

Vote: Aye - Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven

Nay – Lober – Vogel

Ms. Hunter's appointment was approved

Alternate – Nick Zito to June 30, 2025 (Vogel – Lober)

No action was taken as the openings were filled
Alternate – Cindy Anger to June 30, 2025 (Lober – Vogel)
No action was taken as the openings were filled

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Illya Mowerman to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Lober)
Vote: Unanimously approved
Mr. Mowerman’s appointment was approved
Patricia McKeon to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Heller)
Vote: Unanimously approved
Ms. McKeon’s appointment was approved

BOARD OF ETHICS

Andrew Esposito to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Lober)
Vote: Unanimously approved
Mr. Esposito’s appointment was approved
Rona Shapiro to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)
Vote: Aye – Crisco, Heller, Kuriakose, McCreven
Nay – Vogel
Abstention – Lober

SPERRY PARK COMMITTEE

Michael Walter to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Crisco)
Vote: Unanimously approved
Mr. Walter’s appointment was approved
Jane Shernow to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Kuriakose)
Vote: Unanimously approved
Ms. Shernow’s appointment was approved
Clifford Lynch to June 30, 2025 (McCreven – Vogel)
Vote: Unanimously approved
Mr. Lynch’s appointment was approved.

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS

The Board of Selectmen ratified the following appointments put forth by Ms. Heller:

Treasurer to 2023 – Alan Rice
Ass’t Treasurer to 2023 – Joseph Celotto
Labor Consultant – David A. Ryan
Census – Local to 2023 – Stephanie Ciarleglio
Cable Advisory Council to 2023 – Cindy Gerber, George Grotheer
Central Regional Tourism to 2023 – Betsy Yagla
EMS Regional Council to 2022 – Police Chief Frank Cappiello
Greater New Haven Water Pollution to 2024 – Jeffrey Ginzberg
Quinnipiac Valley Health District to 2024 – Dr. Richard Martinello
Alternate to Quinnipiac Valley Health District to 2024 – Roy Ivins
Regional Water Authority to 2024 – Mark Levine
Greater New Haven Transit District – Judi Young

Investment Committee – set by Ordinance

To 2023 - Treasurer Alan Rice

To 2023 – Board of Selectmen Rep. – Joseph Crisco

Member’s Term – Board of Finance Rep – appointed by Board of Finance

Member at large – no term listed in ordinance – Appointed by Board of Selectmen

Lor Ferrante Fernandes

Jay Dahya

Town Counsel to 2023 – Gerald Weiner, annual retainer of \$90,000.00 per approved agreement.

LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Ms. Heller recommended, and the Board agreed to the following Liaison Assignments:

Joseph Crisco	Fire Commission Police Commission Town Plan & Zoning Commission
Beth Heller	Board of Finance
Paul Kuriakose	Agriculture Commission Amity Regional District #5 Board of Education Economic Development Commission
David Lober	Conservation Commission Human Service Commission Inland Wetlands Agency
Sheila McCreven	Woodbridge Board of Education Commission on the Use of Publicly Owned Property
David Vogel	Government Access Television Commission Library Commission Recreation Commission

SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Ordinance Committee	Joseph Crisco, Sheila McCreven, David Vogel
Personnel Committee	Ms. Heller, David Lober

DEPUTY FIRST SELECTMAN

Sheila McCreven (Heller – Kuriakose) Unanimously approved

ADJOURNMENT

On a non-debatable motion by Ms. Heller, seconded by Dr. Lober, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Geraldine S. Shaw, Clerk