

Office of

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT

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A special meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Water District will be held at the office of the Auburn Water District, 268 Court Street, on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission, At-large appointment.

This appointment is for the two remaining years of a three-year appointment that was made in July, 2023.

- Review of applications submitted by Evan Cyr and Janet Joseph for the at-large Commission seat.
- Each candidate will have 5 minutes to introduce themselves and explain why they're interested in serving.

2. Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission, Trustee appointment.

This is a full 3-year term that will run from July, 2024 to July, 2027.

- Dan Bilodeau was the most recent appointment and has expressed interest to continue. Trustee Denis Bergeron has also expressed interest in serving.

3. Adjourn Special Meeting

A true record:

Attest:  _____

Edward Williams , Clerk

August 7, 2024

The special meeting of the Trustees of the Water District will be held at the office of the Auburn Water District, 268 Court Street, on Wednesday August 7, 2024 at 4:00pm.

Members present: Kevin Arel, Eric Gould, Dan Bilodeau, Mayor Jeffrey Harmon, Denis Bergeron and Robert Cavanagh (Treasurer) and Jason Pawlina (President). Also present: Assist. Superintendent Matt Waite.

Absent: Superintendent Broadbent

LAKE AUBURN WATERSHED PROTECTION COMMISSION AT-LARGE

APPOINTMENT – This appointment is for the two remaining years of a three-year appointment that was made in July, 2023.

Applications were submitted by Evan Cyr and Janet Joseph for the at-large Commission seat.

Each candidate was given five minutes to introduce themselves and explain why they are interested in serving.

Trustee Kevin Arel nominated Evan Cyr.

Mayor Harmon nominated Janet Joseph.

Janet Joseph was present and spoke of growing up in the watershed in Massachusetts and the things they did to protect the watershed. There is a lot that we need to know about water quality. Our actions have consequences. As an Auburn resident in the watershed she understands the need to be good stewards in protecting the lake. She is interested in working to protect the lake now and for the future. What we do now will have a long lasting effect.

Evan Cyr has lived in the watershed. He currently lives on Court Street. He served on the Planning Board for several years and as a LAWPC Commissioner. At the time there was a lot of activity at City Hall with regards to proposed changes. He was involved in property purchases and is in favor of limited recreation in the watershed. He said that our sole purpose is to maintain our filtration waiver. He now has the time to devote to the Commission and be a responsible voice. He wants to continue the work he did when serving on the Commission.

Kevin Arel had nominated Evan Cyr. A vote was taken to appoint Evan Cyr as the at-large Commissioner

Vote: 4 in favor, 2 opposed , 1 abstention

LAKE AUBURN WATERSHED PROTECTION COMMISSION TRUSTEE

APPOINTMENT- This is a full three- year term that will run from July, 2024 to July, 2027.

Dan Bilodeau has expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Commission. Trustee Denis Bergeron has also expressed an interest in serving.

Mayor Harmon recommended that this appointment be tabled to the next regular board meeting in August. There has been an ethics complaint filed with the City of Auburn. Dependent on the findings of the ethics committee it would be prudent to wait on this appointment. According to the by-laws, a tabled item can only be taken up again at the next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. Robert's Rules of Order also state that a tabled item can be brought up again at the next meeting.

Trustee Kevin Arel said that we need to deal with it now and that this is the reason for this special meeting.

On motion of Dan Bilodeau, seconded by Kevin Arel, it was voted: **To suspend Robert's Rules of Order and proceed with the appointment.**

4 in favor - 3 opposed.

Mayor Harmon stated that this is in violation of the rules and that a 2/3 majority vote is needed to suspend Robert's Rules of Order.

President Pawlina wanted to get back to the agenda and entertained nominations.

Trustee Bergeron had expressed an interest in the position and provided the trustees with his background and knowledge of filtration. He nominated himself for the position.

A vote was taken to appoint Denis Bergeron as the Trustee representative to the Commission.

Vote: 3 in favor 4 opposed

A vote was taken to appoint Dan Bilodeau as the Trustee representative to the Commission

Vote: 4 in favor 3 opposed

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Mayor Harmon asked President Pawlina if he will seek legal advice for review. President Pawlina said he would do so and would be open to any change that needs to be made.

On motion of Dan Bilodeau, seconded by Kevin Arel, it was unanimously voted:
To adjourn the meeting

Approved: September 18, 2024

A true record:

Attest: _____

Edward Williams, Clerk