



CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item #19-066

Date: February 27, 2019

Consent ____ Discussion X

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Montpelier Conservation Commission

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appointment Michael Lazorchak to a regular position on the Conservation Commission

STRATEGIC OUTCOME/INITIATIVE: Environmental Stewardship

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: No legal requirements; Council makes appointments to fill vacancies on City Boards and Commissions

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Conservation Commission's duties are to carry out the goal of the City Master Plan to "preserve, enhance, and maintain the natural; the integration of built and natural settings; the special areas; and the high level of environmental quality which make Montpelier unique" and to advise the Planning Commission, Development Review Board, and City Council concerning the protection of natural features and environmental quality.

Two alternate seats are expiring on the Conservation Commission. There is one vacant regular seat on the Commission. Staff advertised for all seats. **Michael Lazorchak, who currently has an alternate seat on the commission is seeking appointment to a regular seat.**

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Application

INTERESTED PARTIES: City Council; Conservation Commission

CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Hoffman", is written over the City Manager's Approval line.

Jamie Granfield

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 11:24 PM
To: Jamie Granfield
Subject: Online Form Submittal: City of Montpelier Boards & Commissions Application

City of Montpelier Boards & Commissions Application

APPLICATION FORM MONTPELIER CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Please use this form to express your interest in serving on a particular board/committee or commission. For information on our boards and committees, please visit <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/committeevacancies>. The Montpelier City Council makes appointments to board/committees at their regular meetings as vacancies occur. Completed applications are public documents and are subject to the Vermont Public Records Act.

The Montpelier City Council is committed to seeking diversity on all boards, committees and commissions, including but not limited to geographic, racial, gender, cultural, age, socio economic diversity. Montpelier residency for applicants is preferred but not required.

Name Michael Lazorchak

Email Address

Address

City Montpelier

State VT

Zip Code 05602

Phone Number

Occupation *Field not completed.*

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes

Are you a registered voter in the City of Montpelier? Yes

Are you a resident of the City of Montpelier? Yes

How long have you been a resident of the City of Montpelier? 15 months

Are you related to any elected City Councilor (including by marriage)?	No
Do you have any pending litigation against the City?	No
Name of City Board or Committee: (If applying for more than one board/committee, please list order of preference)	Conservation Commission, regular vacant seat
Are you currently serving or have you served on any City board or committee? If so, please list and give approximate dates.	Conservation Commission (alternate) 02/2018 - current
<i>Please answer each question in as much detail as possible.</i>	
Education/Credentials:	Masters degree, JD, 10+ years in law, policy, and regulatory work with an emphasis on natural resources management, human health, and public lands law.
Professional activities that relate to this board/committee:	Attorney, land trust board member, and current alternate on the Conservation Commission.
Community activities that relate to this board/committee:	Board member on a local land trust and work in the law and policy field. Manage a trail segment for the Green Mountain Club.
Why are you interested in serving on this board/committee?	I am already an alternate and I can continue to apply my skillset to the committee. Having voting rights will add credibility to my involvement in committee discussions.
What talents or experience would you bring to the board/committee?	Environmental, conservation, and public lands law and policy background.
Any other comments or information you wish to provide to the Mayor and City Councilors?	I am already a member as an alternate. Most committee members recognize my ability to lead projects and drive action items to completion. Having voting rights will add to my ability to work effectively on this commission.
Are you involved in any personal, professional or business pursuit that would affect your ability	No

to make fair and impartial
recommendations as a
member of a City
advisory board or
committee?

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and accept the terms of board/committee
appointment.

By e-signing this
application, I certify that
there are no
misrepresentations,
omissions or falsifications
on this application.

Michael Lazorchak