

City of Concord, New Hampshire

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Byron O. Champlin

TO: Members of City Council

FROM: Mayor Byron O. Champlin

DATE: February 3, 2025

RE: Energy & Environment Advisory Committee

I propose the appointment of the following individual to the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee.

Joseph M. Kwasnik, 54 Pleasant Street, Unit 8, Concord. If approved, Joseph Kwasnik, will serve as a General Public Representative for a three-year term expiring March 31, 2028. Joseph Kwasnik's letter of interest and resume are attached.

In addition to the above, I propose the re-appointment of the following individual to the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee.

• Rob Werner, 82 Hooksett Turnpike, Concord. If approved, Rob Werner will continue to serve as a General Public Representative for an additional three-year term, expiring February 29, 2028.

In accordance with Section 18 of the City Council Rules, this proposed appointment is being distributed to City Council as information in advance of formal action at the March 10, 2025 City Council meeting.

November 25, 2024

Janice Bonenfant

City Clerk

City of Concord

41 Green Street

Concord, NH 03301

RE: Letter of Interest-Appointment to the Concord City Council E&E Committee

Dear Ms. Bonenfant

I have recently spoken with Rob Werner about my seeking an appointment to the City of Concord City Council E&E Committee. Based on Rob's recommendation, I am requesting that I be considered by the Mayor for appointment to the E&E Committee.

I am attaching my resume which provides my background in the fields of energy and environment along with several civic board roles.

Regards,

Joe Kwasnik

Cc: Rob Werner

Joseph M. Kwasnik

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Summary

Joe Kwasnik, an accomplished environmental executive with significant experience as a Vice President and Head of Climate Change at National Grid, a major international energy delivery company. Joe has a distinguished track record of success in managing environmental challenges of a major electric distribution business including environmental cleanups, safety, regulatory compliance and environmental due diligence for mergers and acquisitions. Since retiring from National Grid, he served as a Senior Advisor to Ceres, Inc., a leading non-profit advocacy group in Boston with a focus on mitigating climate change. In addition, he served on the Board of the NH Electric Cooperative for nine years including three years as Chairman and on other regional boards with a focus on community and industry improvement.

Current Activities

Franconia Soaring Foundation, Franconia, NH. Fundraising Chairman, 2020 to present

City of Concord, NH. Trustee of Trusts, 2021-Present

Prior Experience

NH Network: Climate, Energy, Environment. Energy Committee Chairman, 2020-2023

Kent Street Coalition, Concord, NH. Co-Convener of the Environment, Energy and Climate Change Work Group, 2018-2022

NH Electric Cooperative, Plymouth, NH

Board Director, and Chairman, 2010-2019

Mt. Washington Valley Kiwanis Club, North Conway, NH. Board Director, 2015-2017

Ceres, Inc., Boston, MA. Senior Advisor, 2010-2015

National Grid, Inc., Westborough, MA and London, UK

Head of Climate Change, London, UK 2007-2009

Vice President of Environment, Westborough, MA 2001-2007

Director of Environment and Safety, Westborough, MA 1995-2001

Various management positions, 1978-1995

Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA., Master of Science in Environmental Engineering, 1978

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT., Bachelor of Arts in Geology, 1974