

## **City of Concord, New Hampshire**

## **Mayor Jim Bouley**

TO:

Members of City Council

FROM:

Mayor Bouley

DATE:

November 8, 2018

RE:

Planning Board Appointment

I propose the appointment of the following individual to the Planning Board for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2021. This appointment will fill the regular member vacancy that currently exists on the board.

• Erle B. Pierce, 11 Cabernet Drive, Concord. A copy of Mr. Pierce's resume is attached.

In accordance with Section 15 of the City Council Rules, this proposed appointment is being distributed to City Council as information in advance of formal action at the December 10, 2018 City Council meeting.

## Erle B. Pierce Professional Biography November 2018

In July of 2007, Pierce retired from Verizon as New Hampshire's vice president for Government and Public Affairs, overseeing that company's legislative policy issues in New Hampshire as well as community and media relations' initiatives. He is a thirty-three year veteran of the telephone industry with a background in network operations, disaster recovery, strategic business planning, community economic development initiatives, corporate philanthropy, media relations, and government affairs. Erle is now president of Pierce Public Affairs, LLC, a full service public, community, and government relations consulting firm, with his largest client being Sheehan Phinney Capitol Group, a government affairs firm in Concord, NH. Pierce's legislative focus is primarily on issues related to telecommunications and energy delivery.

In addition to serving on boards of various non-profit organizations for many years, the Vermont native was educated in Vermont schools (Montpelier and Burlington High Schools, Champlain College). Pierce moved to New Hampshire in 1986 and is a graduate of the Leadership Greater Concord and Leadership New Hampshire programs. He is a former youth sports coach, scout leader, and school board member in the Town of Bow; a past president of The Rotary Club of Bow; past chair (twice) of The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce; a two term past chair of the board of Trustees at The Capitol Center of the Arts in Concord; a former advisory board member for the Small Business Development Council; Bi-State Primary Care Association; and Bellwether Credit Union. He was a past president of the board for Touch the Future, Inc., a nonprofit organization supporting the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. He was a Governor-appointed commissioner to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center where he also chaired the eight million dollar expansion campaign. In 2011 he was appointed by Gov. John Lynch to serve as a counselor for the NH State Committee on the Arts.

Erle left NH from 2014 through 2016 to care for a sick family member. He resides in Ward 2 and is parent to two grown children and four very cute and extremely precocious grandchildren.