



# Programs & Services Committee Report

## City of Newton In City Council

**Monday, August 8, 2016**

Present: Councilors Rice (Chair), Sangiolo, Kalis and Auchincloss

Absent: Councilors Baker, Hess-Mahan, Leary and Schwartz

City Staff: David Olson (City Clerk)

**#248-16**      **Request to recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**  
COUNCILOR SANGIOLO requesting the City Council and the City recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. [06/23/16 @ 2:45 PM]

**Action:**      **Approved 4-0**

**Note:** Councilor Sangiolo explained that she was approached by a neighbor whose child has cancer. His experience made him aware that very few people realize that childhood cancers are the leading cause of death in children under the age of 15, other than accidents. The purpose of recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to bring attention to the issue and to encourage more funding for research. Governor Baker recognized this in a resolution last year as well as President Obama.

The Committee voted in favor to approve 4-0.

**#246-16**      **Mayor's re-appointment of John McDermott to the Election Commission**  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing JOHN MCDERMOTT, 7A Washburn Street, Newton Corner, as an Election Commissioner for a term to expire March 31, 2019 (60 days 09/09/16) [06/29/16 @ 9:28 AM]

**Action:**      **Approved 4-0**

**Note:** Both Mr. McDermott's and Ms. Levine's re-appointments were discussed together. David Olson, City Clerk, mentioned that he has worked with Mr. McDermott and Ms. Levine since he has become the Elections Clerk. He is extremely pleased and impressed with their work and dedication and supported both re-appointments.

Committee members noted that there are four Election Commissioners, equally representing the Democrat and Republican parties. It was asked if there was any requirement to have an Independent on the Commission. Mr. Olson explained that there is no requirement currently, and Home Rule Legislation would be needed to put that requirement in place. There are a couple of local communities that have done that – Cambridge is one example. Some Committee members said they might consider docketing an item to do so.

The Committee voted unanimously, to approve both re-appointments to the Election Commission.

**#247-16**      **Mayor's re-appointment of Nancy Levine to the Election Commission**  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing NANCY LEVINE, 379 Central Street,  
Auburndale, as an Election Commissioner for a term to expire March 31, 2019  
(60 days 09/09/16) [06/29/16 @ 9:28 AM]

**Action:**      **Approved 4-0**

**Note:** See note above.

Meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**John B. Rice, Chair**