



**Minutes of Thursday April 27, 2023 – Special Meeting**

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**In Attendance:**

Masum Hossain (Chair), George Kalamaris (Vice Chair), Peter Kalamaris, Olumide Olatoye, Suri Weinberg-Linsky, Omar Warsame, Sylvio Rodriguez and Audrey Swartz (Coordinator)

**Regrets:**

Peter Kalamaris (Secreatry), Councillor Nunziata Ward 5, York South-Weston

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order with quorum at 4:07 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide context for the interviews conducted for the Farmers Market Supervisor position. Six people applied, and three were interviewed by George Kalamaris and Audrey Swartz; Toumaj “Thomas” Motamedi, Jasmine Lightfoot, and Philip Hayley. Two people were no longer interested and one didn’t return the call. The interviews were held on April 20<sup>th</sup> virtually.

- Thomas had experience with client management, interested in the position to learn different fields rather than manufacturing. Currently working full-time, he lives 1.5 hours away and depends on public transit.
- Jasmine lives locally in Weston, and worked one of the booths in 2022 (Legacy Farm) who aren’t coming this season. Didn’t have much experience in events beyond being at the market and knowing how it runs. Currently works part-time, flexible schedule.
- Philip was the final person to be interviewed, Audrey recommended him as he worked the past two years as a volunteer and attended almost every day. Very familiar with the procedures and the vendors, he lives locally and his work experience is in security so is trained in descalation so would be able to handle conflict. Hasn’t worked in a few years due to health reasons, only volunteered.

Philips health issues shouldn’t be an issue as he was able to do the same work as a volunteer with no issues. We didn’t pry into finding out what the health issue was, but it seems to be under control. Suri has known Philip for a couple of years and knows he is personable and cheerful, he said hello to her when he volunteered.

Audrey explained how the weekly reports are going to be done. Philip would have experience filling out reports and keeping the market safe. George felt he was the most prepared for the interview, we need someone with a strong personality to run the market to handle the vendors, and agreed Philip is the strongest candidate.

Masum recommended to save time to move a motion to hire Philip and forego another round of interviews.

**Motion:** To hire Philip Hayley as the market supervisor.

**Moved By:** George Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Omar Warsame

**Carried 04-27-01**

Audrey will prepare a contract and send for review.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Masum called the meeting to a close at 4:22 PM.

Minutes Approved By:

  
Chair, Masum Hossain

Oct 11/2023  
Date

  
Secretary/Vice-Chair,

Oct 12/2023  
Date