



Diehl appointed to three committees

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Abington — Representative Geoff Diehl was recently appointed to three committees while serving his freshman term as representative for the seventh Plymouth District, which includes Abington, East Bridgewater and Whitman.

Diehl, a Republican, from Whitman, was elected to the position on Nov. 2 and sworn in Jan. 5

Diehl was appointed to the House Committee on Ways and Means, the House Committee on Personnel and Administration, and the House Committee on Rules.

“Ways and Means, that’s the most influential in the house because just about every bill has to go through there,” Diehl said. “They basically take the state revenue and match it up with expenditures that are being requested during the legislative session. Which is to say, they have the check book and every Legislature that wants to pay a bill has to see if Ways and Means will pay for it.”

Diehl was selected for the committee by the House Minority Leader Bradley Jones, who chooses all committees that are on the Democratic side. Speaker Robert DeLeo chooses the Democratic seats.

“Getting Ways and Means meant the most to me because I think it reflects the fact that Minority Leader Jones sees it in tune with what fiscal responsibility means in the State House,” Diehl added. “And Ways and Means is a committee that directly can affect how we reform government spending.”

Since he was sworn into his position in the beginning of January, Diehl said he and other representatives have received office space in the “bull pen,” the basement of the statehouse.

“It’s two hearing rooms each one has approximately 25 new legislators plus their legislative aid,” he said.

This is Diehl’s first year serving on the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

“You can see all the work that you have anticipated when you were on the campaign trail, now it’s in front of you,” he said. “There’s a lot to do but fortunately we’re in the process of getting not just community assignments but offices. So within a few weeks we have everything in place to face the challenges within our state.”

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