

## Selectboard Minutes

Monday, December 30, 2019

Attending: S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez

Absent: D. Pierce

Meeting was not recorded or televised.

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM.

### MINUTES

- Mr. Fydenkevez motion to accept Minutes of 12/16/19, Mr. Bergeron second, Vote 2-0.
- 12/29/19 Minutes related to Conference Telephone Meeting in response to request for special appointment of a Highway employee. Town Counsel advised that an employee could be appointed at a special meeting conducted via telephone. Condition of appointment included the Selectboard would need to address the matter at a regular board meeting within 48-hours. Mr. Fydenkevez read the minutes as drafted with Town Counsel. It was noted, as individuals, the Board does not have authority to appoint individually, but they can as a board. Since there is no Town Administrator in place, they could not defer the matter to that position and addressed as a Board.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Regular appointment of WALTER JENNINGS AS FULL-TIME HIGHWAY LABORER. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to appoint with regular hiring stipulations and all required examinations and licensures. Mr. Bergeron second, Vote 2-0.
- Mr. Bergeron motion to appoint DAVID HANSEN as PART-TIME SEASONAL HIGHWAY LABORER, contingent upon all hiring and licensure requirements. Appointment period through June 30, 2020. Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 2-0.
- Mr. Fydenkevez motion to appoint CAMERON DUNBAR as PART-TIME SEASONAL HIGHWAY LABORER, contingent upon all hiring and licensure requirements. Appointment period through June 30, 2020. Mr. Bergeron second, Vote 2-0.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

- TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH Update: Mr. Bergeron met with Mr. Geoffrey Kravitz. Mr. Bergeron will discuss negotiations in Executive Session. There is a follow-up meeting with Mr. Kravitz this Thursday.
- CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE Update: Meetings will be scheduled in January to coincide with same Tuesday evenings as Planning Board meetings for convenience since some members are on the Planning Board.
- BUDGET MEETINGS will be scheduled with joint Selectboard and Finance Committee in January.
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE Chair, Greg Gottschalk, gave a brief update of the school committee meeting scheduled for the end of the January, new Business Manager status and reported salary contract bargaining is in negotiations.
- Mr. Bergeron advised that an anonymous gift has been offered to the town for TREES ALONG THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCESS ROAD. The donor has engaged a landscape architect for the design which includes area-compatible trees and two (2) benches. South Main St. Tree Trust will be contacted regarding compatibility verification. Mr. Gottschalk was agreeable to the enhancement for the school area as well. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to accept anonymous donation as presented, Mr. Bergeron second, Vote 2-0.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bergeron announced the Board will enter into Executive Session under MGL c.30A, §21, #1-To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual and, #3-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Chair so declares #3 is to discuss the initial phase of the Town Administrator contract. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to enter Executive Session, Mr. Bergeron Second, Vote 2-0. Roll call: Mr. Fydenkevez: aye, Mr. Bergeron: aye at 6:55PM. The Board will re-enter OPEN SESSION only to adjourn.

### ADJOURNMENT

Return to Open Session, Mr. Fydenkevez motion to adjourn at 7:15PM, Mr. Bergeron second, Vote 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant