

BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
OCTOBER 15, 2018
MINUTES

Present: D. Onofrio, A. Maklari, K. Carr, J. Scully Welch, O. NejdI, D. Traynor and L. Santos

Absent: M. Smith

D. Onofrio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

A. Maklari made a motion, seconded by Scully Welch to seat L. Santos for M. Smith. The motion was unanimously approved with one abstention from O. NejdI.

O. NejdI made a motion, seconded by Scully Welch to add agenda item #5A – Election of Officers. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVE MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5 & SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Scully Welch made a motion, seconded by D. Traynor to approve the minutes from September 5 & September 17, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Walter, member of the Board of Selectmen, spoke in support of Linda Savitsky.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

L. Santos made a motion, seconded by Scully Welch to nominate D. Onofrio as chairman. D. Traynor made a motion, seconded by O. NejdI to nominate K. Carr as chairman. D. Onofrio objected to having an alternate serve as chairman or vice chairman. Traynor responded that it was absolutely acceptable. No other nominations were made. O. NejdI made a motion, seconded by D. Traynor and unanimously approved to close the nominations. Scully Welch made a motion, seconded by A. Maklari to have O. NejdI take over as chairman for this nomination. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion to appoint D. Onofrio as chairman was a vote of 4 in favor (Welch, Maklari, Santos and Onofrio) and no oppositions or abstentions. The motion to appoint K. Carr as chairman was a vote of 3 in favor (NejdI, Traynor and Carr) and no oppositions or abstentions. D. Onofrio was appointed to serve as chairman until the end of the term. The board will vote again in December for the following year.

D. Onofrio took over as chairman for the rest of the meeting. Scully Welch made a motion, seconded by D. Onofrio to nominate O. NejdI as vice chairman. D. Traynor made a motion, seconded by O. NejdI to nominate K. Carr as vice chairman. No other nominations were made. Scully Welch made a motion, seconded by D. Traynor and unanimously approved to close the nominations. The motion to appoint O. NejdI as vice chairman was a vote of 5 in favor (Traynor, Carr, Maklari, Onofrio and Welch) and no oppositions or abstentions. The motion to appoint K. Carr as vice chairman was a vote of 2 in favor (Traynor and Santos) and no oppositions or abstentions. O. NejdI was appointed to serve as vice chairman until the end of the term. The board will vote again in December for the following year.

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FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND LINE ITEM TRANSFER REQUESTS

Finance Director Update

First Selectman Goupil spoke in favor of hiring Linda Savitsky as the town's Interim Finance Director. Savitsky will evaluate the office and make a determination on how to move forward with the hiring of a finance director. Dawn Norton will continue to work with the auditors until the audit is complete. Savitsky will be hired as a contractor for an initial 90-day period. Certain board members felt that since the recommendation was not on the agenda that it needs to be added to the agenda. L. Santos made a motion, seconded by A. Maklari to add to the agenda the recommendation of Linda Savitsky as an Interim Finance Director for a 90-day period as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Onofrio, Santos, Welch and Maklari) and 2 opposed (Traynor and NejdI). After some discussion a motion was made by L. Santos, seconded by A. Maklari to recommend hiring Linda Savitsky as Interim Finance Director for a 90-day period as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Welch, Maklari, Santos and NejdI) and 1 opposed (Traynor).

Finance Director Report

The Finance Director Reports were email to the board last week. The reports were prepared by Dawn Norton. K. Carr submitted questions this morning but Norton was unable to respond in time for the meeting.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Several board members provided updates on various boards/commission.

A. Maklari was volunteered to serve as the liaison to the Municipal Building Committee.

The Board of Education has scheduled a special meeting on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm. The board will review recommendations regarding a decision to close Pierson School.

The Capital Expenditure Committee has a meeting on Monday, Oct 22nd at 6:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

O. NejdI asked for the October 1, 2018 minutes to be amended. O. NejdI made a motion, seconded by Scully Welch to add the October 1, 2018, approval of minutes to the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. O. NejdI made a motion, seconded by Scully Welch to amend the October 1, 2018 minutes to include the cost estimates for damages that occurred during the September 25-26, 2018 Flash Flood. The motion was unanimous approved with one abstention from D. Traynor.

ADJOURN

D. Traynor made a motion, seconded by Scully Welch and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Schettino