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APPROVED

Board of Selectmen Executive Session Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2011 6:00 P.M. Town Offices, 25 Bryant Lane
Members Present: Selectwoman Ashley O'Neill, Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin, Selectman Rick Reault, Selectman Rich Lemoine, Selectman Robert Jackson
Staff Present: Michael Gilleberto, Town Administrator, Therese Gay, Admin Assistant

The listing of matters are those reasonable anticipated by the Chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. The Chairman informed the public of the emergency exits to the left and rear of the room, per 527 CMR 10.13.

Executive Session
The board moves to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, litigation, or exempt negotiations if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on such subject matters.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Jackson, second by Selectman Lemoine to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, litigation, or exempt negotiations if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on such subject matters and to return to open session only to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Jackson, yes; Selectman Lemoine, yes; Selectwoman Coughlin, yes; Selectwoman O'Neill, yes; Selectman Reault, yes. The Board entered into executive session at 10:05 P.M.

The Board met briefly to discuss the status of the Deputy's Contract, the Assessment Center, the SEIU negotiation status and the status of the petition to remove the Town Treasurer and Town Accountant from union.

The Deputy Chief verbally conveyed to the Administrator that the contract documents will be forwarded shortly. The Consultant has received the documents of the scope of work, as well as, the communications for police promotions. The SEIU has requested to begin negotiations, the Board will need action on the following: 1) determine when it wishes to begin negotiations, 2) adopt a ground rules proposal and 3) determine who will represent the Town in negotiations.

Both the Treasurer and the Accountant have expressed their opposition to the petitions to remove them from the Mid-Manager's union. They would like the Board to withdraw the petition. They maintain that they are not confidential employees. The Board differs. The Board maintains that they are confidential employees and they are not targeting the individuals personally. The Board is going ahead with the petition. The Town Administrator will write a letter stating the reasons for the petition and asked that the Board sign the letter. The Board asked that Labor Counsel review the letter. The Board had a brief discussion on the merits of releasing executive session material.

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman Jackson, second by Selectman Reault to exit the Executive Session and to return to open session only to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Jackson, yes; Selectman Lemoine, yes; Selectwoman Coughlin, yes; Selectwoman O'Neill, yes; Selectman Reault, yes. The Board exited executive session at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Therese Gay
Admin Assistant

Approved on Monday March 28, 2011