Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: January 30, 2018 (Tues) – Special Meeting

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA

Present: Chairman Pepe, Vice Chair Woodbury, Clerk Monette, Members Stevens and Hicks, and Interim Administrator Ross

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Pepe called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement

Any members that are participating remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law

None

Discussion/Action: Write to Governor Baker and the Legislative Delegation to Reinstate Circuit Breaker Funds

Dr. Hicks drafted a letter that he would like the Board to sign and send to the State Legislature requesting they restore Circuit Breaking funding to 75% which would result in \$92,000 gain to the SEBRSD. It's currently funded at 65%. He will notify E. Brookfield Selectmen Ted Boulay.

A motion to send the letter as written to the Legislative Delegation requesting to reinstate Circuit Breaker funds (Hicks/Woodbury) passed 5/0.

Discussion/Action: Appoint Town Administrator Subject to Contract Agreement and Satisfactory Background/Reference Check

Chairman Pepe reported that the Board interviewed 3 finalists for the Town Administrator position and would like to discuss who will be the best fit for the Town.

Mr. Woodbury noted that Thomas Gregory has a background in local government and is well qualified to hit ground the running.

Mr. Stevens agreed that Mr. Gregory is the best choice and a great candidate. He thanked the Town Administrator Screening Committee (TASC) for their work on selecting finalists.

Mr. Monette concurred.

Mr. Pepe said he was impressed by Mr. Gregory and believes he is the right man for the job.

Dr. Hicks thanked the TASC for their time and effort on behalf of the Board.

Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A, §21(a), ¶2, to conduct Strategy in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Town Administrator)

At 6:14 pm. a motion to meet in Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a), ¶2, to conduct strategy in preparation for contract negotiations with non-



union personnel, namely Thomas Gregory (Hicks/Woodbury) and to reconvene only to adjourn passed with a roll call vote: Woodbury-yes, Stevens-yes, Hicks-yes, Pepe-yes, Monette-yes

At 6:31 pm the Board came out of executive session and reconvened in open session only to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials

Letter to Legislature to restore circuit breaker funding