

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3:00 pm

Members present: Mary Layton, Chair; Linda Cook; Stephen Flanders; John Langhus; John Pepper; Herb Durfee, Town Manager.

There were about 2 people in the audience.

Also participating: Pam Smith and Will Smith.

Layton opened the meeting at 3:07 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (Action Item). The Selectboard agreed to proceed with the agenda as drafted.
2. Public Comments (Discussion Item). Pam Smith asked for clarification of the word "Negotiations," and wanted to know why we were meeting on Sunday. Will Smith asked if there would be a public transcript of the conversation in executive session. Mary Layton replied that the Selectboard decided at its 11/29/17 executive session that members were too tired to discuss the topic that night, and then rescheduled the session to Sunday. Layton explained that the topic had to do with Selectboard policy that relates to upcoming Collective Bargaining negotiations. The executive session was used in order to protect the Town's negotiating strategy. Layton explained that there is no public transcript of what is discussed in executive session, but that decisions made in the public part of the session as well as other meeting details would be part of the minutes.

Pam Smith also mentioned in the Public Comments that she had noticed behavior at the November 29th meeting by a department head that she considered disrespectful. Mary Layton assured her that the Selectboard would do its best to promote respectful behavior at all Selectboard meetings.

3. Negotiated Agreement (Discussion/Action Item). Flanders **moved** (2nd Pepper) to find that premature public knowledge would clearly place the public body at a substantial disadvantage. **Motion passed unanimously.** Flanders **moved** (2nd Pepper) to enter executive session to discuss the negotiated agreement, pursuant to 1 VSA §313(a)(1)(B) and invite the Town Manager to join the executive session. **Motion passed unanimously.** The Selectboard moved into executive session at 3:20 pm.

Langhus **moved** (2nd Pepper) to enter public session. **Motion passed unanimously.** The Selectboard moved into public session at 5:10 pm. No action taken.

At 5:12 pm, Flanders **moved** (2nd Cook) to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

By Mary Layton, Selectboard Chair

Approved by the Selectboard on 12/13/2018

Mary Layton
Selectboard Chair

Next Meeting – December 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM

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