

Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of
Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 11:15 am

Members present: John Pepper, Chair; Claudette Brochu, Vice Chair; Roger Arnold; John Langhus; Mary Layton; Herb Durfee, Town Manager; Miranda Bergmeier, Assistant to the Town Manager.

There were no people in the audience.

Also participating: Cheryl Lindberg, Police Chief Jennifer Frank.

1. Approval of Agenda. Selectboard (SB) members agreed to proceed with the agenda as drafted.
2. Public Comment. There was no public comment offered.
3. Town Finance Issues. Langhus **moved** (2nd Layton) that the Selectboard has made a specific finding that premature public knowledge of the matter being discussed would clearly place the Town of Norwich at a substantial disadvantage under 1 VSA §313(a)(1)(E). **Motion approved unanimously.**
Langhus **moved** (2nd Layton) to enter executive session to discuss a confidential town financial matter with a possible invitation to include Herb Durfee, Donna Flies, Jennifer Frank, Cheryl Lindberg, and Miranda Bergmeier. **Motion approved unanimously.**
The SB moved into executive session at 11:29 AM.

Layton **moved** (2nd Brochu) to enter public session. **Motion approved unanimously.**
The SB entered public session at 2:22 PM

Layton **moved** (2nd Brochu) to make a public statement on behalf of the Selectboard in response to the emergency meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Layton left the meeting at 2:25 PM.

Brochu **moved** (2nd Layton) to recommend to the Town Manager immediate consultation with town counsel regarding personnel issues and related financial and personnel issues as discussed in executive session. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Brochu moved (2nd Arnold) to recommend to the Town Manager to immediately review procedures related to internal financial controls and be revised as necessary and warranted and to report as such at next Selectboard meeting. **Motion approved unanimously.**

At 2:36 PM, Brochu **moved** (2nd Pepper) to adjourn. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM.

By Miranda Bergmeier

Approved by the Selectboard on September 11, 2019

John Pepper
Selectboard Chair

Next Meeting – September 11, 2019 – Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT CATV RECORDS ALL REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE NORWICH SELECTBOARD.