

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of
Thursday, September 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm

This meeting was conducted via teleconference using ZOOM and in person in Tracy Hall, in order to comply with Open Meeting Law requirements while providing remote access for attendees. Present: Roger Arnold, Chair; Mary Layton, Vice Chair; Claudette Brochu; Marcia Calloway; Robert Gere, Rod Francis, Interim Town Manager

Also participating: Linda Cook

There was 1 person in the audience.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Arnold requested that the Board add a discussion of the purchase of an air compressor for the highway garage to the agenda. Supporting documentation prepared by town staff were sent to Board members in advance of the meeting. Brochu **moved** (2nd Gere) to approve the agenda with the addition of the air compressor purchase discussion. **Motion approved unanimously.**
2. Public Comment. No public comment was offered.
3. Air Compressor Purchase Discussion. Arnold said that Fielding Essensa, Finance Director, authored a memo outlining the needed purchase and provided information on fund balances available for the purchase. Arnold said that there does not appear to be any existing draft capital plan documents authored by the previous town manager that include the air compressor at this time. Francis said that this purchase is within the amount that the Town Manager is authorized to spend without Board approval but wanted to bring it to the Board's attention in advance of item's appearance on the warrant. Layton said the memo was clear and that she supports the purchase. Calloway said that the recommended air compressor seems more expensive than others she identified through brief research. Francis said the recommendation was informed by the availability of the item at a nearby location and the urgency of the item.
4. Discussion of a possible interim town manager candidate. Arnold **moved** (2nd Layton) to enter executive session under 1 VSA section 313(a)(3) to discuss an applicant for the position of Interim Town Manager. **Motion approved unanimously.**

The Selectboard moved into Executive Session at 5:38 pm.

Brochu **moved** (2nd Layton) to enter public session. **Motion approved unanimously.** The Selectboard entered public session at 6:25 pm.

Brochu **moved** (2nd Layton) to authorize the Selectboard Chair to offer conditional employment to the interim town manager candidate subject to a background check, reference check and salary and contract agreement

Linda Cook said she would like to hear the motion again. Brochu repeated the motion.

Layton **moved** (2nd Gere) to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27

