

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of
Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:30 pm

This meeting was conducted via teleconference using ZOOM according to Open Meeting Law requirements. Members present: Roger Arnold, Chair; Mary Layton (joined meeting in progress), Vice Chair; Marcia Calloway; Robert Gere; Aaron Lamperti; Miranda Bergmeier, Assistant to the Town Manager.

Also participating: Linda Cook, Stuart Richards.

1. Agenda Review. Arnold moved (2nd Gere) to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously (4 to 0; Layton absent). Layton joined the meeting immediately after this agenda item was concluded.
2. Public Participation. Linda Cook said that she has gathered information about the Moore Lane bridge and another similar bridge in Vermont. Stuart Richards thanked Calloway and Arnold for their work and said that Arnold should resign.
3. Appointment of Interim Town Manager. Calloway opened the discussion. Layton said the SB needs to appoint an Acting Town Manager. Calloway said she consulted the town's attorneys before soliciting possible applicants. Layton moved (2nd Gere) to enter executive session to consider appointment of public employee under 1 V.S.A §313(a)(3). Motion approved unanimously. Selectboard entered executive session at 6:47 pm. Arnold moved (2nd Layton) to enter public session. Motion approved unanimously. Selectboard entered public session at 7:51 pm.

Layton moved (2nd Gere) that the Selectboard immediately advertise for an Interim Town Manager. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Executive Session – Advice from Town Attorney. Layton moved (2nd Lamperti) to find that premature public knowledge of privileged attorney-client communications for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Norwich Select Board would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing privileged communications and possibly waiving privilege. Motion approved unanimously. Layton moved (Lamperti) to enter executive session for attorney-client privileged communications under 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(F) and for evaluation of a public employee under 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3), and to invite the Town Attorney to attend. Motion approved unanimously. Selectboard entered executive session at 7:53 pm. Layton moved (2nd Lamperti) to enter public session. Motion approved unanimously. Selectboard entered public session at 8:22 pm.
5. Adjourn. Layton moved (2nd Gere) to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

By Miranda Bergmeier

Approved by the Selectboard on November 22, 2022

Marcia Calloway, Selectboard Chair

Next Meeting – November 9, 2022 – Meeting at 6:30

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