

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 13, 2023

Members Present:

Richard W. Brewer, Chair Steven J. Ouellette, Vice Chair

Ann Boxler Shana Shufelt

Manuel Soares, Clerk

Also present, James Hartnett, Town Administrator

6:00p.m. Call To order & Pledge of Allegiance

Under MGL Chapter 30A, section 20(f) – this meeting is being recorded.

Mr. Brewer explained that the appointment of the New Police Chief will be pending the approval of Chief Pelletier's Retirement, effective January 7, 2024, at a future meeting.

He also explained the process of the appointment, stating he will ask who is in favor of Candidate A to please raise their hand, and then the same for Candidate B, he feels this is the most transparent process, the Board was in consensus.

Ms. Shufelt explained what the process was to get to this point, a committee was formed, the job description was reviewed, the candidate's resumes and vision statements were reviewed by the committee, and the committee conducted the full interviews. The committee then reported back to the Board with the recommendation that both candidates be presented to the Board for final interviews and appointment.

Mr. Soares addressed the Board stating that both candidates were excellent, this was a difficult decision and he feels whoever gets the position will maintain the solidarity within the Department.

1. Appointment of Police Chief

Candidates: Detective Sargent Christopher Dunn

Sargent Robert Rebello

Mr. Brewer addressed the Board and asked all those in favor of Detective Sergeant Christopher Dunn to please raise their hand, with Boxler, Brewer and Soares in favor. He then asked that all those in favor of Sergeant Robert Rebello to please raise their hands, with Ouellette and Shufelt in favor.

Mr. Brewer declared Detective Sergeant Christopher Dunn, Police Chief upon approval of Chief Pelletier's Retirement, effective January 7, 2024, by a vote of 3-2.

- 2. Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.
- 3. Adjourn

<u>MOTION</u> by Mr. Ouellette to adjourn the meeting at 6:10p.m., seconded by Ms. Shufelt. The Board voted 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Brown, Administrative Assistant/Confidential Clerk

APPROVED:

Manuel Soares, Clerk, Select Board Member