



OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Friday, April 5, 2019

DAVID SHEEDY, CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM DOWLING, VICE CHAIRMAN
CAROLE JULIUS, CLERK

TOWN HALL, 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
175 CENTRAL STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: David Sheedy, William Dowling, Carole Julius

Members Absent:

Others Present: Ly Nguyen, Senior Clerk

10:00 am Vice Chairman Julius read a joint statement to all department heads.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Sheedy stated the board is still waiting on implementation on Mr. Samia's agreement. The board at this time have no further statement. The conditions of the agreement will be published as soon as all parties have signed it and councils on both sides put a stamp of approval on it. Mr. Sheedy added a brief overview of Mr. Samia's tenure with the town. He stated the board will be looking for an interim that could be early as next week.

Mr. Dowling stated until the agreement is finally executed the board cannot make any statements. Mr. Sheedy specified it was a mutual agreement between the town administrator and the board. He also stated the board would like to continue until we get to town meeting, weekly department head meetings. Any concerns, questions or problems will be discussed as all departments. Mr. Sheedy also indicated in the past couple of weeks he noticed a major problem with town hall's internet service.

IT Director, Ryan McGonigle was present to give an update on town hall internet service. He indicated it was not the internet service, it was actually the town hall's email system.

Ms. Julius wanted to address to all and stated she and the board knows this was a challenging time for all. She knows that there was no communication as this was contractual and there was not a lot the board could say until this point in time. She thanked the department heads for all their patience and dedication and promises that all are moving forward and moving quickly to have an interim in place.

Mr. Sheedy stated once an interim was in place, the process of bringing in a permanent town administrator will start. He indicated a consultant organization will be utilized in helping the board in final determination.

Tim Cramer, Member Capital Planning Committee, needed confirmation on the interim process if the consultant organization as Mr. Sheedy stated will be utilized. Mr. Sheedy confirmed and advised the consultant organization will only apply to the permanent Town Administrator process. Mr. Cramer also indicated at this point in time will the board look into the Town Administrator position as a Town Manager position. Mr. Sheedy stated he was unsure on how that process works, he knows it has to go to town meeting and possibly it is something the consultants could look into and advise if it would be a fit for the town. Ms. Julius stated utilizing a consultant firm would be an opportunity for the town to do a self-assessment and what kind of government is wanted, how it will move forward and what the goals are as a town. She thinks a consultant firm the town can agree on mutual established things so when the town does hire somebody they can fit into the vision on how that all works.

Michelle Ahern, Chairman of Finance Committee was present and questioned if a search committee will be involved. Mr. Sheedy advised that this has not been discussed and most likely a committee will be set up.

Mr. Sheedy thanked everyone for being at the meeting and that a meeting will be scheduled next Friday at 10:00am in the 1st Floor Main Conference Room at the Town Hall and hopefully an Interim Town Administrator is present at that time and have a meet and greet.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am



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