BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2023

PRESENT: Mr. David Pierce; Chairman and Mr. Eric von Bleicken
ABSENT: Mr. Roland Sickenberger
ATTENDEES: Chief Nathan Hagglund, Sgt. Matthew Letendre, Ofc. John Bell and Cassidy Culver

Opened the meeting at 4 PM

CHIEF HAGGLUND – STAFFING UPDATE

Chief Hagglund provided an update on the staffing issues that continue to plague the department. They are currently down one full-time officer and a second position is anticipated to open soon due to an impending resignation. He has advertised for a part-time position, however would like to advertise for 2-3 more part-time positions. Mr. Pierce stated that so long as he stays within the limits of his budget the board has no issues.

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME OFFICER

Chief Hagglund was in attendance this afternoon to introduce Ms. Cassidy Culver for appointment as a full-time officer. After advertising and the interview process, Ms. Culver was the unanimous candidate for the position. Ms. Culver has a degree in forensic biology. Chief Hagglund is seeking the Board's permission to appoint her with a starting date of April 10, 2023 and a start date at the academy on April 24, 2023. With no objections and based on the recommendations of the Chief and interview panel, the following motion was made: ***Motion to appoint Cassidy Culver as a full-time officer* starting April 10, 2023 made by Mr. von Bleicken; second: Mr. Pierce – unanimous. (*pending completion of the academy)***

TOWN TREASURER SEARCH COMMITTEE

Motion to appoint the following to the Town Treasurer Search Committee: Eric von Bleicken, Nathan Hagglund, Diane Vayda, Pamela Gemme and Fiona Andrews made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. von Bleicken

MINUTES – TABLED DUE TO LACK OF QUANTUM VOTE

ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Due to conflicting schedules of several Advisory Committee members on June 6, 2023 (date of STM/ATM), the following motion was made: ***Motion to move the Annual (and Special) Town Meeting to Tuesday, June 13, 2023, made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. von Bleicken – unanimous.***

WARRANTS FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

With Ms. Acerra being out on a medical leave, and the uncertainty of obtaining a quorum, the following motion was made: ***Motion to vote in accordance with c41, §56, to allow for a single signatory on Warrant Number 19 and 20, dated March 23, 2023 and April 6, 2023 respectively made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. von Bleicken – unanimous.***

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. von Bleicken wanted to remind all that the handbook is imperative to the running of town government. He has requested that the board continue to move forward with the document.

COMMENT & CONCERNS – NONE

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 (TIME TBD)

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. von Bleicken – unanimous at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Executive Secretary

Eric von Bleicken, Clerk

4-4-23
Date Approved