

Honorable Board of Selectmen

May 27, 2019

RE: Chilmark Fire Department New Chief's Selection Committee:

Dear Messrs. Doty, Rossi and Malkin

I would like to volunteer my services to be on the selection committee for the Departmental Chief of the Chilmark Fire Department. I would like to offer my services based upon two to reasons, one pragmatic and the second, somewhat philosophical.

From a pragmatic perspective, as you know I am currently recovering from a medical incident, and although I am doing much better than anticipated, I have been advised by my doctors to take it easy for another month or so, so as to facilitate a complete recovery. As such, I have limited myself from some of the more physically demanding tasks associated with my typical day to day activities. Because of this, I now find myself with considerably more free time than I had previously. Therefore, I have the free time needed to participate in any meetings or interviews, necessitated by ones participation on the committee, and I am willing to do all that is necessary to make sure the committee fulfills its charter in an unbiased and efficient manner.

From a philosophical perspective, as you all know, I and several other members of the CFD recently engaged in the activity of formulating a proposed Strategic Plan for the Department. As such familiarity with this plan and its contents has given me significant insight in to the elements of the proposed plan and the department's potential vision for the future. As the new Chief will be the loci for the department going forward I believe it is necessary, during the selection of the new Chief, for the Selection committee to ascertain the candidate's views and opinions as to the future assets, problems and operational philosophies of the Department. To this end I believe that having someone on the Committee that has knowledge of what is presented in the aforementioned Strategic Plan is an asset and necessity, especially if one wants the Committee to consider the philosophies and concepts included in the Strategic plan as part of the selection considerations for the new Chief.

There are a number of potential candidates for the selection committee that are currently on the CFD and I have no doubt that all of them would do a good job on the Committee, and as such, I will whole heartedly support any candidate that the Selectmen pick for the position. I just wanted to let everyone know that I am willing to help out if needed.

Thank You

Gary Robinson