

Select Board Members Present:

Joseph Michaud-Chairman
Nathalie L. Dias-Vice Chairwoman
William J. Trimble

Lara H. Stone
Michael P. Watson

The Chairman opened the Public Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on August 6, 2009 in room 304.

Police Lieutenant

The Chairman stated that he received a letter from an anonymous person stating some allegations against one of the candidates for Police Lieutenant.

The Chairman informed the Board that he would like to discuss the issue of these allegations in Executive Session and have Town Counsel review. In closing, the Chairman stated he would like to be as fair and open as possible before making a decision.

The Interim Executive Administrator announced the Special Town Meeting will be held on August 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Edward Iacaponi stated that the Executive Administrator panel interview went very well yesterday. Mr. Iacaponi mentioned that there were three panels: An Employee Based Panel, An Executive Search Committee panel and a Professional Panel brought in by Municipal Resources. Mr. Iacaponi stated that there were six candidates, one withdrew, leaving five candidates. Mr. Iacaponi mentioned after the briefing that three candidates were chosen.

The Board interviewed the following candidates for the Executive Administrator.

Paul G. Beecher, Chicago, Illinois.

A former Town Manager in Arizona and New Hampshire, he stated his lack of knowledge about Massachusetts as a strength. Mr. Beecher said he feels that Dartmouth Town Charter needs a change, especially with regard to accountability. Mr. Beecher was also disappointed that there is no written agreement with UMASS Dartmouth and a working relationship with the University. Mr. Beecher, a former City Manager for three years, created employee focus groups to improve customer service. Mr. Beecher said it is also important for the Executive Administrator to get out into the community to get feedback.

Neal Beets, Federal Way, Washington.

A former City Manager in Federal Way, Washington from 2006 to present, and a City Manager in Roseville, Minnesota from 2001 to 2006. Mr. Beets said he liked the diversity of land areas in Dartmouth. Mr. Beets stated in both Washington and Minnesota he participated in efforts that regionalized 911 services resulting in a cost savings of about \$100,000. Mr. Beets felt that it is important for residents to be able to file complaints through the Town's web site and started a customer complaint process that included a tracking mechanism. Mr. Beets stated the complaints would be reviewed at weekly staff meetings.

David G. Cressman, Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

A current Town Manager in Tewksbury for 21 years. He was the first town manager there. Mr. Cressman said he oversaw a \$79 million dollar budget and two enterprise funds. Mr. Cressman said he read Dartmouth's Town Charter and feels it is an example of a decentralized form of government. Mr. Cressman said reverse 911 is a great way to keep the community and neighborhoods informed. Mr. Cressman described his management style as steady and stable and said he is cooperative and works in a collaborative manner.

With no further business to discussed, the Chairperson declared the regular meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Attest:



Edward Iacaponi, Interim Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres