

## 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 5:30 p.m.

The Chairman polled the Board for a roll call vote to convene into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 39 Sec 23B: Selectman Trimble, yes; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman Watson, yes; Vice-Chairwoman Dias, yes; Chairman Michaud, yes.

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The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 10, 2009 in room 304.

Board members signed the **warrant(s)** for the following bills from various departments in the amounts of:

\$ 371,371.48 PR05      \$ 1,886,741.64 PD1005      \$ 102,172.48 T1006

### **6:30/Select Board to finalize Executive Administrator candidate.**

The Board thanked the Executive Search Committee for their outstanding job and assistance in hiring a new Executive Administrator.

Selectwoman Lara Stone stated she liked two candidates David Cressman and Neal Beets.

Selectman Trimble stated his top choice would be David Cressman and second choice would be Paul Beecher followed by Neal Beets.

Selectman Michael Watson stated he reached a conclusion after deliberations but he reserved any final comment until after hearing from the Chairman and Vice-Chairwoman.

For the record Selectman Watson stated that conditional employment is important to realize that whomever is selected negotiations will take place to see if we can reach an agreement with the candidate. Selectman Watson stated we should be more concerned about us moving too slowly that each of these men might take employment elsewhere. In closing, he stated the process doesn't end tonight.

Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias stated that she feels there are two candidates that do not fit. Vice-Chairwoman Dias mentioned she is not happy with what we have to choose from.

*A motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias to start the process over with no second motion coming.*

Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias stated to the Board that if she has to cast a vote at the present time, her choice would be David Cressman. She felt he was most knowledgeable and in familiar with Massachusetts Generals Laws which would place him ahead of the curve, in her opinion.

Chairman Michaud stated that Neal Beets would be his first choice followed by Cressman and then Beecher.

*A motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias, it was voted (4) four in favor and (1) one opposed (Selectman Trimble) to eliminate Paul Beecher for consideration for the Executive Administrator position.*

*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to authorize this government to extend a conditional offer to Mr. David Cressman to serve as Dartmouth's next Executive Administrator. Subject to an in-depth completion background check that is acceptable by the Board of Selectman at our sole discretion. Documentation of good physical health, agreement to a mutually acceptable memorandum of understanding and all the terms salaries, benefits and conditions of employment.*

Selectwoman Lara Stone reviewed the Goals and Objectives after the Board made a couple of changes.

In closing, Selectman Michael Watson stated he would like to thank Edward Iacaponi for an outstanding job in performing dual functions over the past eight months.

## **Announcements:**

The Chairperson reminded the public that the Dartmouth Lions Club will be hosting a recycling program to be held in front of Town Hall on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Barney Frank will be talking about the Healthcare reform on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging which has been moved from the Southworth Library.

With no further business to discussed, the Chairperson declared the regular meeting adjourned.

Attest:

  
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Edward Iacaponi, Interim Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres