

Selectmen's Meeting – January 17, 2012

Present were Mr. Silvia, Dr. Bowcock, and Mr. Murphy.

Also in attendance were Jeffrey Osuch and John Nunes.

Chairman Silvia called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen interviewed the four finalists for the Selectmen's secretary position.

INTERVIEWS

5:35 P.M. – Anne O'Brien Kakley, currently editor of the Wanderer newspaper. Reviewed her background and education – BA in English, teacher at Coyle Cassidy HS, series of questions followed; salary range acceptable, available part time immediately.

Sharon Goldstein – 20 years as a legal secretary, also worked as a medical secretary. Kenyon-Campbell graduate; series of questions followed, salary range acceptable; would need to give two week notice to current employer.

6:00 P.M. – Ivey Winkler – resident of Fairhaven for 4 years after high school entered the Air Force, traveled to many countries; worked in city government in Cape Coral, FL; salary range acceptable, available to start immediately; series of questions asked by the Board.

6:35 P.M. – Mary Canastra – has worked as legal secretary for more than 20 years; is also Office Manager and receptionist; comfortable with multi tasking, Selectmen asked additional questions; salary request at top step; available after 3 weeks notice to current employer.

After interviews were completed; discussion ensued. CORI and reference checks have been completed. Top two candidates were Anne O'Brien-Kakley and Ivey Winkler.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Anne O'Brien-Kakley. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous (3-0).

Non-Union raises were discussed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to adopt the same wage amounts that have been settled with the School, Police and Fire departments for FY'13 at 1% on July 1, 2012 and 1% on June 30, 2013. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion on setting a Special Town Meeting date, this is due to the petition of more than 200 signatures, certified by the Town Clerk from the Wind Wise Group. Dr. Bowcock motioned to schedule the Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 if the Middle school auditorium was available; February 16, 2012 would be the alternate date. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned that January 26, 2012 would be the last day to submit articles for the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Selectmen reviewed letter from Buzzards Bay Coalition. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to table discussion until next meeting on response to letter. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

General discussion on the State panel report on Wind Turbines that was published on Tuesday, January 17, 2012; Board of Selectmen will review.

At 7:10 P.M., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to negotiated wages with Ms. O'Brien-Kakley and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll 3-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

Jeffrey Osuch
Executive Secretary