

TOWN OF MILLBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM
WORKSHOP

November 29, 2016

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Selectmen Present: Selectman Francis B. King, Sandy Cristo; Mary Krumsiek, Scott Despres, and Jon Adams, Interim Town Manager, E. Bernard Plante
Robert D. McNeil and Joe Coggans

Chairman King said that Mr. McNeil contacted him over the weekend to let him know that a truck from the transfer station got impounded for radioactive material. There are new sensors at Wheelabrator and they are picking up every little thing. We are working with the Department of Public Health for a radioactive control project. Medical waste can trigger this sensor if it is in the waste stream. We did get an exemption to move it back to our facility and the gentleman came out to isolate this occurrence; it was Iodine 131 (from medical waste). We actually did find the one bag that had the material in it and we have it isolated. Mr. McNeil is putting out a notice to sticker holders.

Chairman King said that we have asked the Soccer, Volleyball & cross country into our meeting on December 13th. They asked if we could go to a game that they are doing to present them on December 14th. As we are doing interviews that day we will have to have them in another time.

Chairman King said that he would like to discuss protocol. In the past, everything went through the Chair; if you want to speak to a department head you should ask the Chair; if you would like a proclamation for someone, you should also put that through the chair and decide together who will present it.

Selectman Adams would like more things that may be discussed on the agenda; bring up items that you may want to the Chairman. He then asked if there is any kind of system for keeping Charter changes ideas; there is not as of yet, but they possibly could develop something with the town clerk. Is there a mention in the Charter stating that town counsel reviews articles to see if they are 'legal' or will be held up?

Selectman Cristo asked if it is protocol to go in order of seniority for a roll call vote.

Discussion around talking to each other; 'open meeting law' violations when three or more discuss a topic. Selectman Despres asked the chairman to slow down when asking for a vote to ensure proper recording of those in favor and opposed.

Selectman Adams asked what the process is for adopting a policy.

Chairman King said that the contract for the town manager is basically a boiler plate that all towns use. We look at salary, length, duties, compensation and vehicle. The manager in every

town receives a vehicle because they are a 24/7 employee. Selectmen Despres said that the contract is so lucrative with salary, vacation, benefits, education etc. Chairman King would like the contract to include language regarding no severance if the person is told 6 months before the end of the contract.

What is the policy on checking into the town manager candidates? Can each selectman go to the towns that they are from and ask questions? There isn't a policy on that, you can certainly do that.

Selectmen Despres asked what the time line was; getting names on December 13; interviews December 14 & 15; executive session on the 15th to discuss candidates; then make a decision. Negotiations begin as soon as the candidate can do it. The candidate may need to give a long notice.

Chairman King asked each member to come up with two questions each; then try to get them together to make sure there's no repeats. Selectman Krumsiek suggested sending the questions to the Collins Center for their review. Selectmen Despres would like to be able to have follow up questions for the candidates.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Krumsiek at 7:25 pm, seconded by Selectman Cristo. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

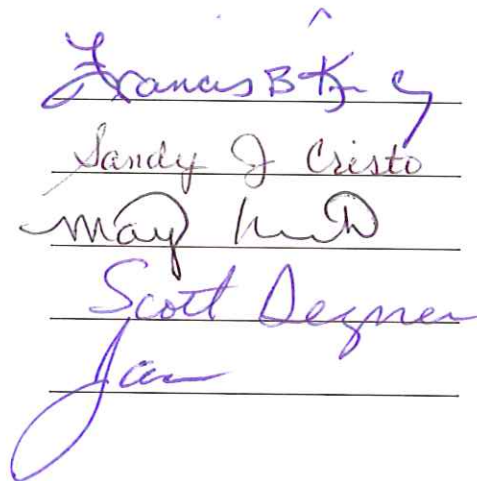
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