

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 21, 2010
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: Robert Richardson, David Parker, Michael Brady, Francis Cavaco

Absent: John Whelan

Executive Assistant: Anne P. Rogers

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence in remembrance of Jacob Mayo, a Seekonk High School senior who was tragically killed in an accident this week.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Mr. Parker advised that the meeting is being taped both video and audio. He asked if anyone was recording the meeting. Abigail Crocker of The Patch and Jennifer Quinn of Cable 9 stated they were taping video.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Appointment of Timothy Cutler as Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Mr. Cavaco disclosed that the plumbing inspector's son has done work in his residence.

Building Commissioner Mary MacNeil was in attendance to make her recommendation in accordance with Chapter 142, including Section 11.

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To affirm the recommendation of the Building Commissioner to appoint Timothy Cutler as Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector.

Consider Appointment of Linda Marcotte to Human Services

Human Services Director Bernadette Huck apologized for the mix-up in having Ms. Marcotte work prior to being appointed by the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the appointment of Linda Marcotte to the grant position of office support clerk at the hourly wage rate of \$10.00 for the period beginning December 22, 2010 and ending no later than December 30, 2010, subject to CORI check.

Ms. Huck will return to the Board if it is necessary to extend the appointment.

Consider Criminal Charges Leading to Dismissal

Town Counsel Joseph Fair advised that he received a request from the union's attorney to have the matter heard in Executive Session to consider the discipline or dismissal of an employee. He suggested the Board honor that request.

In response to Mr. Parker's concern, Atty. Fair stated that the new open meeting law requires that all items are included on the agenda. In this case, the issue is on the agenda. The only issue is whether it is Open or Executive Session.

Mr. Cavaco noted that awhile ago this Board indicated there would no longer be Executive Session; that all items would be in Open Session.

Board members had reservations about going into Executive Session but agreed to go along with Town Counsel's decision.

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Parker motioned, seconded by Mr. Brady, to go into Executive Session to consider the discipline and/or dismissal of an employee, not to return to Open Session.

The vote: Mr. Parker ó Aye; Mr. Brady ó Aye; Mr. Cavaco ó Aye; Chairman Richardson ó Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

John Whelan, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary