

**JOINT BOARD OF THE TOWNS OF
SUNAPEE, NEWBURY AND NEW LONDON
MINUTES
MAY 16, 2012
NEW LONDON**

Present: Donna Nashawaty (Sunapee Town Manager), Dennis Pavlicek (Newbury Town Administrator), Kim Hallquist (New London Town Administrator), Jim Powell (Newbury Selectman), Suzanne Gottling (Sunapee Selectman), Dick Pearson (New London resident), Gary Daniels (Newbury resident)

Dennis Pavlicek called the meeting to order at 8:05AM.

Dennis announced that the only agenda item for the meeting is to discuss the vacancy in the Chief Assessor position, with the resignation of Norm Bernaiche. Dennis informed the Board that Norm's last date will be June 22, 2012. The closing date for the submission of resumes is today, and so far they have received 6 resumes. He reminded those present that the resumes are confidential and should not be shared outside the Board.

The Board discussed the process that would be used to fill the Chief Assessor position. In the past the three managers conducted the interviews then brought the top one or two candidates to the full Board for their consideration. Dennis suggested that the Board could be provided will copies of all of the resumes received, if they felt it would help the process. Dick Pearson suggested that if there was unanimous agreement among the managers that a candidate is not viable, then that candidate's resume need not be forwarded to the Board. Sue Gottling moved to adopt that procedure and Gary Daniels seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Jim Powell questioned whether there would be relocation expenses paid. Dennis noted that no such expense would be paid. Jim inquired about the probationary period. Dennis noted that the probationary period is 6 months.

Donna Nashawaty moved to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(b), the hiring of any person as a public employee. Dick Pearson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Donna: yes; Dennis: yes; Kim: yes; Jim: yes; Sue: yes; Dick: yes; Gary: yes.

The Board returned to the public meeting at 8:48AM.

The Board discussed a possible going-away celebration for Norm. Dick moved to have the managers arrange an appropriate reception prior to the time Norm is scheduled to leave and Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor. The tentative date for the celebration was set for June 19th in Newbury, details to follow.

Donna moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 AM and Dick seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Hallquist, Clerk