

# Town of Wayland Massachusetts

## **Town Administrator Selection Committee**

Elizabeth Butler Tom Dretler David Gutschenritter (Chair) David Hill Mike Lowery Randall Moore Philip Schneider

#### Minutes of March 26, 2014 Committee Meeting

In Attendance were: Elizabeth Butler, Tom Dretler (6:40), David Gutschenritter, David Hill, Mike Lowery, Randall Moore, and Philip Schneider

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Town Building in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. The following Agenda topics were addressed:

#### 1. Public Comment: deferred until later in the meeting

- 2. Moment of Silence for the Boston Firefighters who died today.
- 3. No Executive session was held

#### 4. Items not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in Advance of the Meeting, if any.

D. Gutschenritter proposed that the Committee make a statement to the Board of Selectmen in support of Mr. William H. Jones Jr. for appointment as Wayland's next Town Administrator. A draft of the statement was circulated for discussion.

The Town Administrator Selection Committee voted 7-0 to strongly urge the Board of Selectmen to enter into contract negotiations with William H. Jones, Jr. for the position of Wayland Town Administrator. After a careful and thorough selection process, at this point, this committee believes that Mr. Jones is the most qualified and most capable candidate for the position. While we understand the concerns voiced by the Board during its deliberations Monday, that only one candidate was put forth for consideration, given the facts and circumstances, we believe that restarting the process would not put us in a better position than we are in right now.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to participate in this very important process on behalf of the Town of Wayland.

R. Moore moved that the Committee approve the statement as amended and that the Chair of the Committee read the statement to the BOS during their public comment period. M. Lowery seconded. The Committee voted 7-0 in favor.

The Committee then recessed to attend the BOS meeting.

The Committee reconvened at 7:10 pm.

It was agreed that the Chair would follow up with J. Senchyshyn to clarify document handling and retention policies for the Committee's material. The Chair would also follow up with the BOS on the disbanding of the Committee should Mr. Jones accept the position and a contract successfully negotiated.

### 5. Adjourn

At 7:20 pm D. Hill moved to adjourn the meeting, P. Schneider seconded. The Committee voted 7-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David Gutschenritter