Board of Selectmen November 28, 1995 Town Hall Meeting Room Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Carolina Kiggins. Selectmen in attendance included John Ryerson, David Ernst and Ira Wood. Selectwoman Cynthia Paine was not in attendance. Acting Town Administrator William Hinchey was also present.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously at 7:00 p.m. on a roll call vote (Kiggins, Ryerson, Ernst, Wood - yea) to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations and to reconvene in open session.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. (Selectwoman Cynthia Paine had arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

The Board met with members of the Town Administrator Search Group. Committee members in attendance included Robert Hankey, Robert Costa, Roger Putnam, Berta Bruinooge and Howard Grossman. The Group recommended three final candidates for the Board to interview: Gregory Doyon, Joseph Kelley and Peter Souza. The Board decided to hold interviews with these candidates on either 12/12 or 12/14. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to authorize expenditure of \$3,000 to hire a professional firm to conduct background checks of the final candidates. The Board reviewed the proposed questions for the upcoming interviews. The Search Group was thanked for their extraordinary effort this far in the selection process.

The Board discussed a letter from the Assistant District Attorney which alleges certain oversights in the process by which the MMA Consulting Group was professionally engaged. The District Attorney suggested that the oversights could be mitigated by a confirmatory vote of the action.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to engage the services of the MMA Consulting Group to serve as interim Town Administrator for an indeterminant period of time not to exceed 3 months and further that William Hinchey will serve on the MMA Consulting Group's behalf during this contract at a rate of \$400 per day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

William Hinchey Acting Town Administrator

submitted,

Carolina Kiggins/ Chr. John Ryerson Cynthia Paine

David Ernst Ira Wood