

Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
Public Meeting Minutes-Unapproved
March 7, 2016

Members present: Chairman Dave Senecal, Brad Harriman, Linda Murray,
Dave Bowers, Luke Freudenberg

Staff present: Town Manager David W. Owen and Recording Secretary Michele Chamberlain.

Chairman Senecal opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to enter into non-public session at 6:31 PM to discuss the Town Manager position. Roll call vote, Chairman Senecal – yes, Linda Murray – yes, David Bowers – yes, Brad Harriman – yes, and Luke Freudenberg – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Board re-entered public session at 6:47 PM.

Chairman Senecal read the following statement:

The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce that it has retained the services of Town Manager David Owen for a minimum of at least two years. This decision occurred after Owen signaled his willingness to rescind his intent to rehire from Town service this spring and to continue serving as Wolfeboro's Town Manager for a few more years. Presented with this change of plans, the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to suspend the search for a new Town Manager effective immediately, and to continue retaining the services of Owen as Town Manager, with the understanding that he will continue in that capacity for a minimum of at least two more years. In addition, Owen agreed to compensate the Town for any and all expenses incurred by the Town to date in its search for a new Town Manager, which will make the Town and its taxpayers whole for those costs incurred in hiring the consulting firm MRI to conduct the Town Manager recruitment process for the Town. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman Senecal stated: "We are delighted that Mr. Owen, who has so capably served as Town Manager in recent years, has agreed to extend his term of office."

Dave Owen stated an employee had filed a grievance and is appealing my decision to the Board of Selectmen, so we need a date to have a grievance hearing.

The Board agreed to March 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM for a Grievance Hearing.

It was moved by Chairman Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to adjourn at 6:56 PM with a roll call vote, Chairman Senecal – yes, Linda Murray – yes, David Bowers – yes, Brad Harriman – yes, and Luke Freudenberg – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Chamberlain

