



Select Board Minutes
Tuesday, December 19, 2017 - 6 pm
Holland Town Hall
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA

Present:

Bettina Schmidt - Chair

Lawrence Mandell - Member

Elias Gillen - Member

Kelli A. Robbins, Esq., Executive Secretary

Call to Order: 6:00

Approval of Minutes

Motion 121917-1, Mr. Mandell to approve the minutes of December 5, 2017 as written, 2nd Mr Gillen. So voted.

Old Business:

Hiring of Town Counsel

Motion 121917-2, Mr. Gillen, to hire attorneys for town work per diem for the remainder of the fiscal year as a trial period. 2nd Mr. Mandell.

Discussion on how to pursue who should be hired for each job. Ms. Schmidt stated there should not be a problem calling a meeting to vote on the chosen attorney at short notice. Mr. Mandell stated that he saw no problem with delegating the authority to choose to the Chair. Mr. Gillen expressed discomfort with that delegation. Ms. Robbins explained how select board members of past boards had used town counsel as their own law dictionary and to pursue personal inquiries costing the town a lot of money.

Ms. Schmidt called for the vote on Mr. Gillen's motion. So voted

Police Chief Contract

The Police Chief has been working under an automatic one year renewal of his contract for FY18. The new contract, to take effect July 1, 2018 and run through June 30, 2021 was distributed between the Select Board and the Chief for review.

Ms. Schmidt asked if anyone had any questions or objections to the contract as written. Hearing none Ms. Schmidt called for a motion.

Motion 121917 – Mr. Gillen, to sign the Police Chief contract as written. 2nd Mr. Mandell. So voted.

Contract signed by full Board.

Probation/Contract with Fire Chief

Ms. Schmidt stated that this topic was on the agenda at the request of Mr. Gillen. Mr. Gillen was not present for the meeting where the Fire Chief probationary period was extended for another 120 days.

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Fire Chief – 120 days probation results

Ms. Schmidt stated that the probation time for Chief Gagne has expired. Mr. Mandell said that discussion of offering a contract is now an option. Ms. Schmidt stated there have been complaints received regarding Chief Gagne and recommended extending the probationary period for an additional 120 days until more information is known regarding the complaints received.

Mr. Gillen stated he was fine with those results but wanted it on the agenda so he could inquire where they were with possible contract discussion.

This probationary time will be over March 21, 2018.

New Business:

None

Announcements:

The following are seeking members

Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 member

OPEB - 2 members

Bylaw Committee - 1 member

Capital Planning Committee - 1 member not affiliated with any other boards or committees

Warrants signed as follows

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NONE.

Motion 121917 – 8 Mr. Mandell to adjourn. 2nd Mr. Gillen. So voted

Meeting closed 6:27 PM