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DUXBURY, MASS.

SELECTBOARD

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Present: Fernando Guitart, Chair; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, Vice Chair; Michael McGee, Clerk; Theodore J. Flynn; and Amy M. MacNab

Absent:

Staff: John Q. Adams, Finance Dir.; Jeannie Horne, HR Dir.; Michelle Seda-Stotts, Administrative Assistant; and Nancy O'Connor, Executive Assistant.

Others: Susanna Sheehan, Duxbury Clipper.

CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order at approximately 08:00 am.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and, as a courtesy, via remote means in accordance with applicable law. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public and board members, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless required by law.

II PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

III NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the appointment of Acting Town Manager

Mr. Guitart began the discussion stating that Mr. Read will be out on medical leave for approximately 4-8 weeks. During this period our objectives are clear, one is to ensure that Mr. Read be able to focus on his recovery, and secondly that the Town continue to operate with business as usual, and to this end we must appoint an Acting Town Manager. According to the Town Manager Act, section 2M states that the Board of Selectmen shall designate a qualified person to serve as acting Town Manager, to perform the duties of the office during any period of any vacancy exceeding 30 days, caused by the managers absence, illness, suspension, removal or resignation. The appointment is not to exceed 180 days. Mr. Read agreed that Mr. Adams was indeed the best fit for the upcoming schedule. Mr. Adams has agreed and it is very much appreciated. Ms. Ladd Fiorini agreed that it was a really smart decision to appoint an acting Town Manager in order to give Mr. Read the opportunity to do the healing that he needs to do and she is in full support of Mr. Adams as such. Ms. MacNab stated that Mr. Read agreed with this and is also in full support of Mr. Adams as acting Town Manager. Ms. MacNab stated that Mr. Adams is a terrific choice and thanked him for stepping up. Ms. MacNab also wanted full disclosure about reaching out to Nancy and acknowledging all her hard work. She is an amazingly capable person,

however, Ms. O'Connor also agreed that Mr. Adams was the right choice at this time. Ms. MacNab also inquired how this would affect the Budget? Mr. Guitart stated that it is only right to compensate Mr. Adams for his additional role and responsibilities as acting Town Manager. He stated that it is well withing the budget and can be managed. Mr. Flynn also agreed with the choice.

Mr. Guitart moved that the Selectboard appoint John Q. Adams as the Acting Town Manager effective today for a term of sixty (60) days or upon the return of Mr. Read, whichever is sooner.

Seconded by Ms. MacNab Roll Call Vote: Mr. Guitart-Aye; Ms. Ladd Fiorini-Aye; Mr. Flynn-aye; and Ms. MacNab-Aye. Mr. McGee-was not present for the vote.

Ms. Guitart stated that he would inform the Department Heads at their meeting upcoming meeting of Mr. Adams' new role. There was some light discussion about the School Board meeting. Mr. Guitart stated he had placed all coming attractions on the list for the Selectboard's future conversations.

Mr. Flynn moved that the Selectboard adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:24am

Seconded by Ms. MacNab Roll Call Vote: Mr. Guitart-aye; Ms. Ladd Fiorini-Aye; Mr. Flynn-aye; Ms. MacNab-Aye; and Mr. McGee-aye.

Minutes submitted by Michelle Seda-Stotts

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Appointment of Acting Manager Motion