

9/28/19 special meeting

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Special Select Board Meeting
Saturday September 28, 2019 – 1:00 pm.
Longmeadow High School, Room A15, 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow MA 01106

Present: Chair Marie Angelides, Mark Gold, Thomas Lachiusa, Marc Strange and Richard Foster.

Also Present: Bernie Lynch and Jackie Sullivan.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by the Chair, Marie Angelides.

Town Manager Interviews:

Marie Angelides announced that they are interviewing candidates for the Town Manager position and they have three interviewees coming in today, Saturday September 28, 2019. Tom Lachiusa handed out the Vision Statement that he worked on. Tom Lachiusa stated that they sent out a questionnaire to all the department heads and invited all the committees to participate. They also had an open forum for the public. The Vision Task Force report is a compilation of all the responses they received as to where the town is at and where we want to be in the future.

Marie Angelides announced that they did get a Town Manager Search Committee, there were about 25 applications that came in. The Search Committee interviewed eight and they narrowed it down to three candidates.

The three candidates interviewed were Scott Szczebak, Lyn Simmons and Paul Fahey. Mr. Szczebak was interviewed at 1:00 pm, Ms. Simmons was interviewed at 2:00 pm and Mr. Fahey was interviewed at 3:00 pm. Each candidate was asked a series of prepared questions from the Select Board.

After the interviews concluded Marie Angelides introduced Bernie Lynch, who has been in charge of the Town Manager search. Ms. Angelides thanked Mr. Lynch and the Search Committee Ms. Angelides stated they did a fabulous job. Bernie Lynch stated they had a very good screening committee that really came prepared. Bernie Lynch handed out the reference report to each of the board members. The Select Board went through the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate.

Mark Gold stated that personally he would feel more comfortable before they make an offer, they have a little bit more time and depth with the candidates and maybe then they can narrow it down to two of the candidates. Mr. Gold asked Bernie Lynch how much time the screening committee spent with the candidates. Mr. Lynch stated they spent about an hour with each candidate. Tom Lachiusa stated that since they just received the references and the Vision Statement was just passed out it would be nice to take some time and see if they all matched. Marc Strange stated that he doesn't know if he would like to decide right now, he would like to let things settle and think about some of the answers they said and compare it to the vision statement. Bernie Lynch stated that he is available if the board had any questions or concerns, they can reach out.

Marie Angelides asked if the other Board members were ready to vote today. The Board decided to schedule a meeting on October 2, 2019 for the final vote.

Richard Foster thanked Bernie Lynch for what has been a smooth and well-organized process.

*Richard Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm. Tom Lachiusa seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm. The next Special Select Board meeting will be October 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Sullivan

Documents: Agenda, Vision Task Force Report.