

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
AUGUST 28, 2019
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Christine Goupil, Selectmen Jack Scherban, Tim Guerra and Carol Walter

Absent: Phillip Sengle

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

VISITORS

Bruce Farmer spoke on the vetting process for the new town manager.

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to add agenda item 5A – The Morgan School’s Graduating Class of 1969 - request for an exemption to ordinance 194-4A and 194-5A. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 21, 2019

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to approve the minutes from August 21, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no new resignations and appointments at this time.

WILLIAM WATKINS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Goupil introduced William Watkins to the board. Watkins was recommended for the position after going through the interview process with the search committee. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve the hiring of William Watkins as the new Assistant Director of Public Works. The motion was unanimously approved.

THE MORGAN SCHOOL’S GRADUATING CLASS OF 1969 – REQUEST FOR AN EXEMPTION TO ORDINANCE 194-4A AND 194-5A

The Morgan School’s graduation class of 1969 will be holding their 50th reunion on September 14th in the Green Room of the Town Hall. The organization would like to allow attendees to bring their own wine and beer to the event. Walter made a motion, seconded by Guerra to grant an exception to town ordinance 194-4A and 194-5A for the Morgan School Graduation Class of 1969. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN CLERK - COTT SYSTEMS CONTRACT & HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT

Sharon Uricchio, Town Clerk reviewed the COTT systems renewal contract with the board. The new agreement is for 4 years. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve the COTT Systems contract and allow the First Selectman to sign the agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Uricchio is asking the board to allow her to apply for the Historic Documents Preservation Grant in the amount of \$5,500. Uricchio told the board that she is looking to replace the map cabinets in her office. The new cabinets would cost \$6,100. The remaining funds would come out of her Historic Preservation Account. Guerra made a motion, seconded by Walter and approved applying for the Historic Documents Preservation Grant and authorized the First Selectmen to sign the agreements. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN MANAGER

Guerra provided an update to the board.

- Additional applications have been submitted to SGR.
- The search committee will meet Town Council candidates on with August 29th for a briefing on the process and progress of the committee.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Guerra

- The board raised concerns about employees speaking to members of the press without prior authorization from the First Selectman office.

Reported by Scherban

- Family Helping Families and the Police Department are hosting a fundraiser at Sweetwater Farms. All are encouraged to attend.

Reported by Walter

- Fireworks will be held this weekend at the Town Beach.
- Planning & Zoning meeting update
- Discussion on blight complaints. Various programs were discussed to help alleviate the problem.

Reported by Goupil

- Goupil updated the board on the Indian River Landing project and Unilever Building Project
- Train station renovation project is still on target.

ADJOURN

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino

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