

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Christine Goupil, Selectmen Jack Scherban, Tim Guerra and Phillip Sengle

Absent: Carol Walter

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

VISITORS

No visitors wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 28, 2019

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve the minutes from August 28, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no new resignations and appointments at this time.

Goupil reviewed the process for candidates who will be running for multiple elected seats. The new town charter, that goes into effect November 19, 2019, states that “No individual can hold more than one elected position concurrently”. A letter will be sent out to all candidates running for multiple seats that they will need to choose which seat they want prior to election night should they win more than one elected seat.

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT – AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEETING ROOMS

Ivan Bailey, Information Technology Manager, reviewed a proposal with the board to replace the movie screens and VGA projectors with two 65” monitors mounted on mobile stands. The approximate cost is \$5,000 to retrofit both rooms with the equipment. Bailey has funding in his budget to cover this expense.

Below are various options for recording meetings.

- Cost to install a sound system and recording equipment in each meeting room would be approximately \$20,000 - \$30,000 per conference room. The equipment would need to be upgraded every 5 years or so.
- Having volunteers work with students from The Morgan School to record and upload the minutes. Also working with the school to have it be included as part of the curriculum.
- Hiring Valley Shore Community Television to record and upload the meetings. The cost to record the Board of Selectmen meetings would be approximately \$6,000 per year. Goupil recommended having the board visit their facility in Westbrook.

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TAX ABATEMENT POLICY

Each board member submitted their recommended changes to the policy. The policy will now be reviewed by the Economic Development Commission and the board will view the final drafts at next week's meeting.

TOWN MANAGER

Sengle provided an update to the board.

- SGR reported receiving a total of 17 applications for the position.
- The search committee met with candidates last week to review the timeline.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Goupil

- Last weekend the Chamber of Commerce hosted the Fireworks at the Town Beach. The board thanked everyone for all of their hard work and dedication. Goupil will send out a formal thank you to everyone who helped make the Fireworks a successful event.
- Goupil spoke about the article in the Harbor News regarding the Old Saybrook Pension Plan. Old Saybrook is not part of the MERS program.

ADJOURN

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Sengle and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino