



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF APRIL 4, 2023**

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell, Travis Sabatase, Laura Streets

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Judi Alberi, Administrator's Assistant;

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Dan McLaughlin, Tony Cote, Yvette Mason*, Phil Lacoss, Christopher Redder, Anah Witt, James Brosseau

*by phone

CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Judy Bickford called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Add the following candidates for interviews:

- 5. Anah Witt 7:20pm
- 6. Christopher Redder 7:40pm
- 7. James Brosseau 8:00pm

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Selectboard Candidates:
 - 1. Dan McLaughlin 6pm
 - 2. Tony Cote 6:20pm
 - 3. Yvette Mason 6:40pm
 - 4. Phil Lacoss 7pm
 - 5. Anah Witt 7:20pm
 - 6. Christopher Redder 7:40pm
 - 7. James Brosseau 8pm

Judy Bickford announced the names of the candidates that would be interviewed this evening.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Possible Executive Session - 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3)
Motion made by Don McDowell to go into Executive Session because he finds that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body, or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0). Travis Sabatase did not agree with interviews being held in Executive Session but voted yay.

Jamie Brewster read the following statement:

Good Evening. My name is James Brewster and I reside in Morristown. I'd like to take a moment to address the potential of holding interviews with selectboard appointment candidates in executive session.

As we all know, appointments to government positions are a regular occurrence. They take place at the Federal, State and local level. It is not uncommon for the interviews with candidates to take place in public. Sometimes these interviews are even televised.

The appointment candidates have put themselves forward to become public servants. To do the people's business. They should welcome the opportunity to demonstrate to the public what makes them the best choice to fill the vacancy. In fact, they should, just as I am, requesting their interviews take place in public. If they prefer to be interviewed out of the view of the public one is left to wonder why.

There are specific criteria that need to be met in order for a legislative body to meet in executive session. And, it is likely these interviews meet that criteria. However, solely because the criteria are met to enter executive session doesn't mean a legislative body has to. Because meeting in public might become inconvenient or uncomfortable is not a justification to enter executive session. Every executive session should be carefully considered on a situation by situation basis.

James Brewster

Morristown, VT

4/4/23

Motion made by Don McDowell to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee subject to T1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3). To include: Dan McLaughlin, Tony Cote, Yvette Mason by phone, Phillip LaCoss, Anah Witt, Christopher Redder, & James Brosseau. Motion was seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Don McDowell to come out of Executive Session. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (4/0)

ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Travis Sabatano. Motion carried. (4/0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

Submitted and filed this April 7, 2023

Judi Alberi, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.