

Board of Selectmen Meeting:
Memorial Town Hall Conference Room
Chairman:

6-7-2019 @ 10:00am
Approved: October 9, 2019
Selectman Brian Moriarty

Present:

Selectmen: Edmund Jaworski, Brian Moriarty, Diana Szynal, and Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator

Selectman Moriarty opened the meeting at 10:00 am. Selectman Szynal moved the Board go into Executive Session according to MGL CHAPTER 30A, §21 #2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; and will afterwards return to open session. Selectman Jaworski seconded.

A roll call vote was conducted and with Selectman Jaworski voting aye, Selectman Szynal voting aye, and Selectman Moriarty voting aye, the motion was approved. The Board will afterwards return to regular session.

Having returned to open session at 10:14 am Selectman Jaworski moved the Board accept the DPW Director contract as discussed. Selectman Szynal seconded. The motion was approved.

Ms. Michonski explained the need for a vote to a change made to the Memorandum of Agreement, already agreed to, for the purpose of clarification of language. It is just to clean up their article.

Selectman Jaworski moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters Union Local 404. Selectman Szynal seconded. Selectman Moriarty explained this is just cleaning up language to a contract already agreed to.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

Selectman Moriarty said in May 2018, Annual Town Meeting approved finding information about going from a 3 to a 5 member Selectboard. A committee did research which is now ready and should be brought back to the town.

Selectman Jaworski said he felt this should go to the ballot box and Selectman Szynal agreed saying there is no rush. Annual Town Meeting said we should look into it, not bring it back for a vote. She feels the report doesn't point out any inadequacies or explain how it would be better except to talk to each other so usurping the spirit of the open meeting law isn't a compelling reason. Communities overwhelmingly have 3 members. Selectman Szynal pointed out an error in the report regarding the number of departments each selectman has.

Selectboard members discussed this topic at length. Selectman Szynal said she felt it was ironic that she ran unopposed. A lot of the information hinges on Hadley. Selectman Moriarty believed a 5-member Board can do more because of subcommittees. Selectman Jaworski said we have boards that report to us, if we have issues they report to us. Selectman Szynal said the report points out no inadequacies. She said there should be a basis for change. This is to be tabled for now and revisited.

Selectman Moriarty noted the Finance Committee is advisory and the budget is up to the Board. The Board need not vote the warrant, but just sign it as it was voted at the previous meeting. Mr. Genovese will speak with Chief Gaughan about radio money for the new ambulance. The lease was based on \$305,000.

Selectman Szynal moved to adjourn. Selectman Jaworski seconded. The motion was approved, and the meeting ended at 10:43am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ki J. Eno
Executive Assistant