

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

Present: Selectboard members: Beth Foy (remote), Duncan Hastings (remote), Eben Patch, Shayne Spence, Mark Woodward

Others: Brian Story, Rosemary Audibert, Mike Dunham (remote)

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Beth called the meeting to order at 5:34.

2. Review of Agenda and Any Additions or Modifications

Duncan said he would like the board to consider approval of spending ARPA funds for the CUD as an action item on the next agenda. It was unclear from the agenda of the last meeting what action would be taken with regard to the CUD. We voted to spend money and that was not warned. He thinks it would be a good idea to ratify that action. Beth said she will add it to the next agenda.

3. Executive Session for Contract Negotiation

Eben moved to find that premature public knowledge of contract negotiations could place the town at a substantial disadvantage, Shayne seconded and the motion was passed.

Eben moved to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations as allowed by 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(3), inviting Rosemary to remain, Duncan seconded and the motion was passed at 5:36. The board came out of executive session at 5:58.

4. Potential Acceptance of Resignation by Town Employee

Eben moved to authorize the chair to accept the resignation letter provided by Brian Story on March 24 on the behalf of the selectboard, Mark seconded and the motion was passed with Shayne abstaining.

Beth said the board is sorry to see Brian go and looks forward to working with him during the transition period. Brian said he will help make a smooth transition.

5. Selectboard Issues/Concerns/Other Business

Duncan said he believes we should start the process of finding a replacement. He suggested that one or two members of the board immediately start investigating options and possibilities with the idea of reporting back to the board. He would volunteer. Eben said he would lend a hand where he can but emergency management director work will be taking up a lot of his time. Beth said we can't have a quorum. She can assist but won't have bandwidth during business hours. Shayne said he still has a lot to learn before he could offer much assistance but he is willing to help where he can. Mark said he will be too busy until after April. Beth suggested that she work with Duncan on this.

Mark moved to appoint Duncan and Beth to lead the town administrator search team, Eben seconded and the motion was passed.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05