



Ashfield Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 9:00 am

Ashfield Town Hall, 412 Main Street, Ashfield MA 01330

Chair Olanyk convened the Select Board meeting at 9:03 am, with one recording device in use.

Present: Todd Olanyk, Ron Coler

Absent: Tom Carter

Also Present: Town Administrator Warren

Audience members present, including Sandy Lilly, Doug Field.

Minutes – N/A

Appointments

A. 9:00 am – Timothy Budrewicz, Finalist Candidate, Police Chief Vacancy

The Select Board reviewed the résumé of Timothy Budrewicz (Document 2) and conducted an interview based on the questions titled Police Chief Finalist Interview (Document 3); attached. The Select Board alternated the 15 questions asked of the candidate. The Select Board thanked Candidate Budrewicz for his participation in the process and wished him luck in his future endeavors.

B. 10:00 am – Beth Ann Bezio, Finalist Candidate, Police Chief Vacancy

The Select Board conducted an interview with Beth Ann Bezio, referring to the résumé furnished by Bezio (Document 4) at the meeting and using the Police Chief Finalist Interviews questions. The Select Board alternated the 15 questions asked of the candidate. The Select Board thanked candidate Bezio for her participation in the process and wished her luck in her future endeavors.

Coler thanked Chair Olanyk for his leadership and management of the hiring process. He also thanked the Committee for their assistance. Coler noted that both candidates display outstanding qualities; notably knowledge of town, organizational skills, coordination and communication skills, and experience. Both candidates expressed interest in maintaining longevity in the position, something that Coler is interested in seeing for the position.

Olanyk also noted that interest in longevity and experience were qualities he was pleased to hear addressed by both candidates. However, he noted Bezio's experience in the position as Interim Police Chief weighs in her favor. Coler agreed.

The Select Board discussed the amount to offer Candidate Bezio. They noted that with the Salary Study underway, conceivably the salary could increase. Olanyk suggested offering her \$55,000 firm to start.

Motion to present an offer to Candidate Bezio and instruct the Town Administrator to initiate negotiations with a firm salary to start at \$55,000: Coler

Second: Olanyk ***Vote (2-0-0)***

Town Administrator's Report – N/A

Mail

A. Use of Ashfield Town Beach (Document 6)

The opinion from Town Counsel on use of the Town Beach by Buckland residents was received. Counsel advises that there is no preclusion to Buckland residents for use of the beach. In fact, as a public park and therefore a public forum, the Town cannot restrict use to just residents. However, the Town Administrator relayed recommendation from Counsel that reasonable fees may be charged for upkeep and/or expenses that would not normally be incurred. With increased use of the beach (i.e., more users with Buckland residents using it), perhaps the Parks Commission could work out an agreeable fee for parking or a usage sticker. The Town Administrator was instructed to put this on the next agenda.

Upcoming meetings

The next regular Select Board meeting is April 4, 2017, and the next budget meeting will be held on April 10, 2017.

Items Unanticipated – N/A

Adjourn – 10:50 am

Motion to adjourn at 10:50 am: Coler

Second: Olanyk ***Vote (2-0-0)***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayce D. Warren
Town Administrator

Document List:

1. Agenda
2. Résumé of Timothy Budrewicz
3. Police Chief Finalist Interview Questions (blank)
4. Résumé of Beth Ann Bezio
5. Completed Interview Questions
6. Donna MacNicol, Esq. opinion on Town Beach

Approved 04-18-17