

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2020**

PRESENT: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), John G. Brown, Jr. (Clerk), Jessica M. Rushing (Selectman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Selectman), Carolyn Murray (Town Counsel), Arthur Egerton, Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant Town Manager), and others.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Boulter opened the meeting.

TOWN MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO AFFIRM SELECT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO SEARCH COMMITTEE

Ms. Murray was present before the Board advising that the Town Manager Search Committee contacted town counsel ten days ago with concerns raised about the appointment of two Selectmen and one Selectman's alternate to the Committee. Ms. Murray reviewed all related minutes and notes as well as H4609' the Special Act specifies two members of the Board of Selectmen so three is problematic even if the members cycle in and out of different meetings. Ms. Murray advised that a preliminary screening committee should never hold a quorum of the Board to whom they recommend, and as a result she contacted the chairman Thursday and the agenda for this special meeting was posted in advance of tomorrow's scheduled Town Manager Search Committee meeting. Discussion ensued on the most prudent way forward; Ms. Murray advised that the two members in attendance at the executive session meeting in which the resumes were distributed should be the two members moving forward. Mr. Trabucco advised those members were himself and Mr. Brown. Ms. Rushing moved to have Daniel Trabucco and John Brown continue on the Town Manager Search Committee representing the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was 3/2 I favor with Mr. Boyle and Mr. Boulter opposed. Mr. Boulter asked how many of the seven scheduled candidates will be brought forward to a final interview with the Selectmen; Mr. Trabucco replied it will be at least three candidates but could be more. Further discussion ensued on advantages and disadvantages of bringing forward five or more candidates. Mr. Boyle moved to task the Town Manager Search Committee with bringing no less than three and no more than five candidates back to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

At 7:25 pm, Mr. Boulter read the upcoming issues. Mr. Brown moved to adjourn; Ms. Rushing seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

None