

Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall and Via GoToMeeting Video and Audio
Friday, March 26, 2021
Regular Session 11:30 A.M.

Members Present: Chairman Kenneth Mitchell, Vice-Chairman Matthew Dyer, Clerk Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Selectman Wesley Blauss, and Selectman James Hickey.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: John Stanbrook, Town Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a) Pledge of Allegiance

11:30 a.m. - Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Appoint Interim Highway Director, Trench Inspector, Records Access Officer, and to serve on the Drainage Committee, Highway Building Committee, and Parks & Fields Commission

Discussion –

Mr. Stanbrook read his recommendation to appoint Mr. Jamison Shave of Bridgewater, MA to the position of Interim Highway Director until a qualified permanent Highway Director was found.

Mr. Dyer asked if the contract with Mr. Shave was the contract that was put in DropBox this morning. Mr. Stanbrook said that it was the most current version of the contract. Mr. Stanbrook stated that Town Labor Counsel had reviewed the contract and had made some editorial changes to the last paragraph. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett asked for the contract to be read, and Mr. Stanbrook read the last paragraph with the new changes added.

Mr. Dyer asked if Mr. Shave's appointments to the committees listed on the agenda should be removed from the motion, as the contract specifically states that Mr. Shave would not have to serve on any other boards or committees while Mr. Shave is the Interim Highway Director. Mr. Dyer was concerned that the Town may be in a breach of contract situation if we move forward with the motion as listed in the agenda item for the meeting. Mr. Stanbrook informed the Board that the committees listed in the agenda item do not regularly meet, and this is not likely to become an issue before a permanent successor is appointed to the position. Mr. Mitchell suggested that those positions listed in the agenda be removed from any motion made so that the

process of appointing Mr. Shave was not slowed, and Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett agreed with that suggestion. Mr. Mitchell then called for a motion.

MOTION – To appoint Jamison Shave Interim Highway Director for the earlier of six months or until the position is filled permanently. The motion was made by Mr. Dyer and seconded by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett. There was no further discussion.

A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Mitchell voted AYE, Mr. Dyer voted AYE, Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett voted AYE, Mr. Blauss voted AYE, and Mr. Hickey voted AYE. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Mitchell then called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION – To adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett and seconded by Mr. Dyer. There was no further discussion.

A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Mitchell voted AYE, Mr. Dyer voted AYE, Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett voted AYE, Mr. Blauss voted AYE, and Mr. Hickey voted AYE. The motion passed 5-0.

11:42 a.m. - The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Stanbrook 3/29/21