

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
October 3, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Collins at 6:30 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. Board Members Present: Collins, Melia and Paulhus. Town Manager Gaudette and Selectman Ampagoomian were absent and it is duly noted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Chairman Collins announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session and declared that having an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body.

Open Session Adjourned: 6:31 PM

Executive Session Convened: 6:32 PM

Executive Session Adjourned: 6:43 PM

Open Session Reconvened: 7:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None

PUBLIC HEARING/None

APPOINTMENTS/By the Town Manager: Jamie Luchini, DPW Director (formerly “Interim DPW Director”). Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Paulhus to affirm the Town Manager’s appointment of Jamie Luchini as DPW Director. Vote yes/Collins, Melia and Paulhus. Mr. Luchini stated that he is grateful for the opportunity and if there is anything they need to let him know. He is looking forward to the DPW moving forward and he appreciates the Board’s support.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None

Vote to write off uncollectible accounts from the Ambulance Fund / Present: Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant & David White, Fire Chief. Selectman Melia noted that after receiving further information on this topic he is satisfied with what he received. He suggested bringing the write-off of uncollectible accounts before the Board more often rather than every ten years. Chief White recommended doing it once a year. Selectman Melia asked how successful the third-party company is in collecting fees. Chief White stated that the company sends out five bills and after that they get sent to the collection agency. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Paulhus to write off uncollectible accounts totaling \$926,817.39 from the ambulance fund. Vote yes/Collins, Melia and Paulhus.

Vote to renew Employment Agreement with Town Manager Adam Gaudette. A motion/Mr. Paulhus, seconded/Mr. Melia to renew the Employment Agreement with Town Manager Adam Gaudette for three years beginning January 1, 2023. Vote yes/Collins, Melia and Paulhus.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/none

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS: Selectman Melia noted that the sink hole in the northbound lane on Route 122 north of the Riverdale Cemetery is an issue again. DPW Director Jamie Luchini stated that he spoke to the Whitinsville Water Company and they are supposed to tear it up and pave over it.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: October 17, 2022: Vote positions on the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles and the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article.

CORRESPONDENCE/None

A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Paulhus to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/Collins, Melia and Paulhus.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Paulhus, Clerk

/mjc

LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

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EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None**
- II. PUBLIC HEARING/None**
- III. APPOINTMENTS: By the Town Manager: A. 1. Jamie Luchini, DPW Director (formerly "Interim DPW Director")**
-No documentation
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None**
- V. DECISIONS: B. Vote to write off uncollectible accounts from the Ambulance Fund**
Present: Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant & David White, Fire Chief
-Copy of letter regarding the Summary for Uncollectible Debt

C. Vote to renew Employment Agreement with Town Manager Adam Gaudette
-No documentation
- VI. DISCUSSIONS/None**
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**
- VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/No documentation**
- IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**
D. October 17, 2022: Vote positions on the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles and the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article
- X. CORRESPONDENCE/None**
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: E. 6:30 PM Under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 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.**