

Approved: August 14, 2023

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, June 20, 2023
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.**

Present: Audrey LaBrie, Chair
Barbara Anderson
Danielle LaPointe
Melissa Blanchard

Mary Calandrella, Executive Assistant
Debra Dennis, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Rick Ward

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Resume-Bill McKinney, Interim Town Manager Position
- Letters of Interest-Town Manager Search Committee from Jane LaPointe, Thomas Liao, Guy Corbosiero, Cindy Landanno, Thom Schotanus, and Gabrielle Lee.

6:00pm Chair LaBrie called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. LaBrie asked if anyone would be audio or video recording this meeting tonight. There was no reply.

1. **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chair LaBrie said the broadcasting equipment isn't working correctly tonight but the video will be posted tomorrow morning.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no public comments and announcements this evening.
3. **INTERVIEW INTERIM TOWN MANAGER CANDIDATE:** Chair LaBrie welcomes Bill McKinney. Mr. McKinney gave an overview of his education and professional experience. Selectwoman Anderson asked how would you work with the Winchendon budget. Mr. McKinney said with a smaller budget there are more challenges. He said when employees leave he said he would reassess their position and maybe something can be done differently. He also said he would see if there are any savings by sharing positions with other towns.

Chair LaBrie said a financial background is very important. She said there are a lot of projects and we need to keep things moving forward. Mr. McKinney said there are a lot of positive things happening in town.

Chair LaBrie asked if there are any weaknesses you see. Mr. McKinney said the bond rating. He said he would like to look into grants that are available to use for one time capital projects.

Selectwoman Blanchard asked what he sees as a priority and what he would do. Mr. McKinney said he would get to know the Select Board and asked what their priorities are. He discussed looking into opportunities to get businesses in town.

Selectwoman LaPointe discussed the past administration worked well with the School Superintendent and asked what his view is. Mr. McKinney said in Weymouth he worked at combining costs. He looked for opportunities to save money. It's one town, not the school side and the town side.

Mr. McKinney said what they felt the challenges are for someone coming in from the outside. Selectwoman LaPointe said the projects are fine. The biggest worry is to stay on top of finances and assisting when needed. Chair LaBrie thanked him for coming in.

4. **TOWN MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**-The following candidates expressed interest in serving on the Town Manager Search Committee: Jane LaPointe, Guy Corbosiero, Thomas Liao, Thom Schotanus, Cindy Landanno, and Gabrielle Lee. Each candidate in attendance came forward and explained why they are interested in being a member on the Town Manager Search Committee.

LaPointe moved to nominate the five individuals here tonight Jane LaPointe, Thomas Liao, Guy Corbosiero, Cindy Landanno, and Thom Schotanus, Anderson seconded. Vote: Blanchard aye, Anderson aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie aye.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There was no executive session this evening.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Anderson moved to adjourn. LaPointe seconded. Vote: Blanchard aye, Anderson aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted


Debra Dennis, Administrative Assistant