

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018
4th Floor Town Manager's Office
109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.**

Present:

Audrey LaBrie, Chairwoman
Austin Cyganiewicz, Vice-Chair
Michael Barbaro
Barbara Anderson
Charles Husselbee

Keith R. Hickey, Town Manager

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- No documents provided at the meeting.
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Vice Chair Cyganiewicz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Chairwoman LaBrie and Selectmen Barbaro attended remotely. A roll call vote was taken to enter Executive Session and approved 5-0.

Executive Session—

Exemption No. 2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel

Town Manager Keith Hickey made the Board aware that Town Accountant Bill Schlosstein decided to not accept the Business Administrator position at the Quaboag School Department for personal reasons. Mr. Schlosstein had approached Mr. Hickey to request that his employment be extended after August 31st to assist with the year-end closing, audit, tax rate setting and Fall Town Meeting as well as train the new Town Accountant. Mr. Hickey supports the idea of retaining Mr. Schlosstein until December 1st and paying for his health insurance until December 31, 2018.

Joanne Goguen who will be named Town Accountant on September 1st supports the idea of retaining Mr. Schlosstein but would like the title of Town Accountant on September 1st rather than waiting until December 1st. Town Manager Hickey recommended creating a temporary position for Mr. Schlosstein entitled Finance Director and the Board agreed.

Chairwoman LaBrie asked that the Finance Director position only be created on a temporary basis and be eliminated once Mr. Schlosstein's employment ends with the Town. Selectmen Barbaro supported the idea of extending Mr. Schlosstein's employment as did Selectwoman Anderson who stated she has a great deal of respect for Mr. Schlosstein.

LaBrie moved to adjourn from Executive Session; Husselbee seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, Executive Session adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Husselbee moved to adjourn from Public Session; Barbaro seconded. By a vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Keith Hickey
Town Manager