

PRESENT: Selectmen Stephen C. Themelis, Melissa M. Tzanoudakis and Roland P. Nutter; Mark Andrews, Town Administrator; Peggy Mazzola, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mr. Themelis announced that the meeting is being broadcast live and recorded for rebroadcast.

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1. Action Items

1.1. 7:00 PM Interviews: Fire Chief Finalists

Mr. Themelis announced we are here to interview two candidates for the position of Fire Chief. Mr. Themelis described then adoption of the Town Charter and the section of the Town Charter related to the appointment of the Fire Chief. In accordance with the Town Charter, the Fire Chief Search Committee included Town Administrator Mark Andrews, Police Chief David Scott, Firefighter Shaun Shattuck, Paramedic Stephanie DeMarco, Communications Director David Stairs, DPW Director/Town Engineer Ken Kalinowski and former selectman and at-large member Joe Sergi. In accordance with the Town Charter, Mr. Andrews performed his duties and responsibilities as Chair of the Fire Chief Search Committee. After a thorough vetting of the applicants, the Fire Chief Search Committee interviewed the top candidates, with three subject to a professional assessment. The final two candidates have been submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

The original appointment of the Fire Chief can be up to 24 months, but he/she may be reappointed for a longer term. Upon appointment of the Fire Chief, the Board of Fire Engineers is abolished. Full details can be found in the Town Charter, which is posted on the Town's website.

Mr. Themelis announced the ground rule for the interviews. This is an open meeting of the Board of Selectmen, and the public can attend, but this is a job interview between the Board of Selectmen and the candidates. This is not a public hearing, and no public participation will be allowed.

The Board will not make a decision tonight. The Board plans to make its decision on March 20, 2017. Mr. Themelis thanked the audience in advance for their cooperation and participation.

7:00 PM – Interview – Michael Gamache: Ms. Tzanoudakis described several letters of recommendation in support of Mr. Gamache. The Board invited Mr. Gamache to outline his background and experience, and describe how his education, experience and background would benefit the Town. A lengthy question and answer session followed. The board gave Mr. Gamache the opportunity to make closing statements. The Board thanked Mr. Gamache for attending the meeting and participating in the search process.

8:00 PM – Interview – Edward L. "Toby" Tyler: Ms. Tzanoudakis described several letters of recommendation and petitions in support of Chief Tyler. The Board invited Chief Tyler to outline his background and experience, and describe how his education, experience and background would benefit the Town. A lengthy question and answer session followed. The board gave Chief Tyler the opportunity to make closing statements. The Board thanked Chief Tyler for attending the meeting and participating in the search process.

Mr. Themelis thanked everyone for listening and supporting the process. Mr. Themelis stated the Board will make its decision on March 20th.

2. Old/New Business*

There was no other business before the Board.

3. Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Nutter and seconded by Ms. Tzanoudakis, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Mazzola, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED – BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Stephen C. Themelis, Chairman

Melissa M. Tzanoudakis, Clerk

Roland P. Nutter