

PRESENT: Selectmen Melissa M. Tzanoudakis, Roland P. Nutter and Lisa M. Ferolito;
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Ms. Tzanoudakis announced that the meeting is being broadcast live and recorded for rebroadcast.

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1. Acceptance Of Minutes

2. Approve Warrant And Sign Purchase Orders

3. Public Communications

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Tzanoudakis wanted to make note that this will be her last meeting and wanted to thank the town of Pepperell for the last three years while serving as Town Selectmen.

4. Town Administrator's Report

5. Appointments / Resignations

Ms. Tzanoudakis asked Ms. Ferolito to sign the contracts of the Town Administrator and the Treasurer/Collector. Ms. Ferolito said she doesn't think they should be signed until the next Selectmen is elected into office. Mr. Nutter said that Ms. Ferolito is putting things off and not doing her job as Selectmen. Ms. Tzanoudakis made note that the Town Administrator's contract has been signed by two of the three Selectmen. The Treasurer/Collector's contract has been signed by one Selectmen, herself, while Mr Nutter cannot sign this contract as the position is held by his wife, Debbie Nutter. Ms. Ferolito inquired why the contract needs to be signed now as they do not expire until June 30, 2018. Ms. Ferolito would also like to know why the Police Chiefs contract is not available to sign since the Treasurer/Collector and the Town Administrator is available. Mr. Nutter mentioned that the responsibility of the Selectmen is to sign the contracts. Neither contract was signed by Ms. Ferolito at this meeting.

5.1. Town Administrator's Appointment Of Melissa Tzanoudakis To The Regional Emergency Communication Center Task Force

Town Administrator's Appointment of Melissa Tzanoudakis to the Regional Emergency Communication Center Task Force: Ms. Tzanoudakis has been sitting on the committee since the fall and has agreed to stay as long as the other committee members are ok with it. Ms. Tzanoudakis said she is fine either way with staying on the committee or stepping down. Ms. Jefferies asked if citizens would be able to be considered for this committee. Ms. Tzanoudakis replied that any interested citizens would have to talk to the TA. Dave Lavender mentioned that this was the first time that he heard that Ms. Tzanoudakis was even on the board. Ms. Tzanoudakis mentioned it was mentioned at an open meeting that she was asked in the fall to help out because of her skill set. Mr. Wetherbee asked what the qualifications are to be on this committee. Ms. Tzanoudakis was asked by the TA in the fall to attend and help facilitate the discussions with the state given her experience. She mentioned that if she is not appointed to the committee it will not be opened up to the general public to fill that seat. This is a seat that is appointed by the TA but does not need to have the vote of the Selectmen but Ms. Tzanoudakis asked that it be put on the agenda. Ms. Jefferies asked if this appointment can be tabled until the TA comes back. (The TA is out on an emergency medical issue for tonight's meeting) Ms. Ahdab wanted to know who chose the original committee members. Ms. Tzanoudakis said the TA did the original appointments of the committee. There is an upcoming RECC meeting on Wednesday at 2:30pm at the Pepperell Town Hall with Frank Pozniak and the three towns. Mr. Nutter is in full support for the continuity for the TA's recommendation for Ms. Tzanoudakis. Mr. Nutter would to move to appoint Ms. Tzanoudakis to serve as the Regional Emergency Communication Center Task Force member as a non-voting member. Seconded by Ms. Tzanoudakis by necessity. It was voted two in favor, one opposed.

6. Action Items

7. Old Business

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Wetherbee mentioned to the Board he had been in contact with the TA regarding the Peter Fitzpatrick School Study and was having a hard time getting the information from the TA. Ms. Tzanoudakis mentioned that he needs to follow up with the TA for the information as this is a very busy time in the office with Annual Town Meeting coming up and the Administrative Assistant out on a previously planned vacation leaving the TA in the office by himself.

Ms. Ferolito inquired about the Article regarding the Peter Fitzpatrick School that is on the warrant for the 2018 Annual Town Meeting and if the Selectmen were offering an alternative to the article. Ms.

Tzanoudakis said that Ms. Ferolito and Mr. Nutter and the next elected Board member can mention that to the TA if they would like to have an alternative article.

Rick McHugh from the Planning Board would like to request from the Selectmen that the TA make available the report of the Peter Fitzpatrick Study before the next Planning Board.

Ms. Jefferies wanted to voice her concern about the tone of the start of the meeting and wanted to bring to light that the Board recently signed a Code of Ethics and should be reviewed before the meetings.

8. New Business

9. Executive Session

9.1. 6:00 PM To Investigate Charges Of Criminal Misconduct Or To Consider The Filing Of Criminal Complaints.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Tzanoudakis made note that the Board will adjourn out of the Executive Session. This Executive Session will be held in the Conference Room A so the community members will need to leave in order to hold the Executive Session.

There was discussion as to when the Executive Session minutes will be released and Ms. Tzanoudakis mentioned that this Executive Session has to do with criminal misconduct so not until the matter is resolved will the minutes become public.

On a motion by Mr. Nutter and seconded by Ms. Ferolito, it was unanimously voted that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session at 6:34PM under # 5 of the open meeting law: To investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints. This purpose permits an executive session to investigate charges of criminal misconduct and to consider the filing or criminal complaints. Thus, it primarily involves discussions that would precede the formal criminal process in court. Purpose 1 is related, in that it permits an executive session to discuss certain complaints or charges, which may include criminal complaints or charges, but only those that have already been brought. However Purpose 1 confers certain rights of participation on the individual involved, as well as the right for the individual to insist that the discussion occur in open session. Purpose 5 does not require that the same rights be given to the person who is the subject of a criminal complaint. To the limited extent that there is overlap between Purposes 1 and 5, a public body has discretion to choose which purpose to invoke when going into executive session

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Melissa Tzanoudakis Aye

Roland Nutter Aye

Lisa Ferolito Aye

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned out of the Executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Looney, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Melissa M. Tzanoudakis, Chairman

Roland P. Nutter, Clerk

Lisa M. Ferolito