



**TOWN OF BILLERICA
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2024**

Members Present: Chair John Burrows, Vice Chair Dina Favreau, Secretary Michael Rosa, Member Kimberly Conway, and Member Michael Riley

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Acting Town Manager Clancy Main

Call to Order 5:00 PM

Chair Burrows called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Open Microphone

There was no one for open microphone.

2. Update from Town Counsel Subcommittee and Vote to Set Interview Date to June 17, 2024

Secretary Rosa stated that the subcommittee met on May 30th. We each took a firm and did reference checks. He also reached out to our labor counsel, Attorney Feeley asked about both firms. He said that we can't go wrong with either firm. Secretary Rosa took Brooks and DeRensis. They have been Town Counsel for the Town of Canton for 21 years. He spoke with the Town Manager and he said they are excellent. They are very responsive and ethical. They have been Town Counsel for the Town of Mansfield for 13 years. He spoke with the Town Manager and he said they are excellent. They don't use them for labor counsel but they use for them for everything else. They had an issue with the Federal government for 5 years and Brooks and DeRensis were able to get in contact with someone at the Federal government and were able to settle it. They have a wide variety of connections and received high praise from all he contacted. They can also handle municipal utilities. He also spoke with the Town of Brimfield. They have been Town Counsel for 2 years and Attorney Kopleman is very responsive. They used to have KP Law, and they are happy they switched. He also spoke with Attorney DeRensis about the contract, and they are willing and prefer a contract. They are available to come on June 17th.

Member Conway asked what the size of the Towns were. Secretary Rosa replied he was not sure. Member Conway asked if these were cold calls. Secretary Rosa stated that they gave a list of six municipalities, and he reached three of them. Chair Burrows stated that Marshfield is 23,860 and Canton has 23,629.

Vice Chair Favreau stated that they are Town Counsel to Littleton, Reading, Templeton and Fitchburg. She reached Littleton and Templeton and they both gave glowing reviews. They are available to come on June 17th. They were hesitant on a contract but are willing to look at it. She researched both firms in APO and Brooks and DeRensis had more super lawyers which is the highest rating. They have asked for a copy of the contract with KP Law, and she will redact it and send it to both of them.

Chair Burrows thanked the subcommittee for their work.

Member Conway asked how the interviews will work. Secretary Rosa stated that both firms will come in and we can ask questions. Member Conway stated that she would like to make sure that training is included in their contract.

MOTION - Secretary Rosa made a motion to set the interviews for Town Counsel for June 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Favreau and unanimously voted 5-0-0.



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3. Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A §21(A)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel

MOTION - Secretary Rosa made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:14 PM Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A §21(A)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. The motion was seconded by Member Conway and unanimously voted 5-0-0. On a roll call vote: Secretary Rosa voted Aye, Vice Chair Favreau voted Aye, Member Conway voted Aye, Member Riley voted Aye and Chair Burrows voted Aye.

4. Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A §21(A)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares

MOTION - Secretary Rosa made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:14 PM Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A §21(A)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The motion was seconded by Member Conway and unanimously voted 5-0-0. On a roll call vote: Secretary Rosa voted Aye, Vice Chair Favreau voted Aye, Member Conway voted Aye, Member Riley voted Aye and Chair Burrows voted Aye.

Chair Burrows so declared.

Secretary Rosa stated that after the Executive Sessions they will only come back to regular session to adjourn.

MOTION - Secretary Rosa made a motion to adjourn the regular session meeting of June 11, 2024 at 6:18 PM. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Favreau and unanimously voted 5-0-0.

*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn McDowell,
Recording Secretary*

Exhibits for the Select Board Meeting – June 11, 2024

Call to order 5:00 PM

1. **Open Microphone – No Exhibits**
2. **Update from Town Counsel Subcommittee and Vote to Set Interview Date to June 17, 2024 – No Exhibits**

Executive Session

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4. **Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A § 21(A)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – No Exhibits**

Approved On: July 15, 2024