

December 1, 2014

TOWN OF STERLING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 1, 2014

MEETING:

Roll Call: Selectman Cutler - Present. Chairman Patacchiola – Present. Selectman Kilcoyne – Present. At 7:05 pm, Chairman Patacchiola called the meeting to order.

Interview Brian
Bullock for
Interim
Administrator

Chairman Patacchiola declared that the Town Hall hours issue will be addressed at a future meeting.

The Search Committee met and officially recommended Mr. Szlosek for the position of Interim Town administrator.

Mr. Szlosek has 9 years of experience as a Town Administrator.

His most recent position was Town Manager for the Town of Athol. (He left the position due to a residency requirement)

He is currently unemployed and is therefore available immediately and can work as many hours as is required/requested of him.

Mr. Szlosek is interested in both the Interim as well as the Permanent Town Administrator position.

The Board explained to Mr. Szlosek that the priorities at this time will be the budget, the school contract and preparation for Town Meeting.

Mr. Szlosek assured the Board that he is capable of creating or conforming to an established protocol for budget processes.

VOTE: At 7:35 Chairman Patacchiola moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to discuss strategy in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel relative to the appointment of Michael Szlosek as Interim Town Administrator, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21A. He also announced that the Board would reconvene in open session following the Executive meeting. Selectman Kilcoyne 2nd. Selectman Kilcoyne - Aye Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Selectman Cutler –Aye. Motion Carried.

Chairman Patacchiola called the executive session to order.

At 8:53 the public session reconvened. Chairman Patacchiola announced that the Board had adjourned from executive session in which they had discussed non-union contract negotiations, pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A Section 21A.

Chairman Patacchiola invited Mr. Brian Bullock to give a brief recount of his qualifications for the benefit of Selectman Culter, who was absent from the meeting on December 1, 2014.

Public Session

Mr. Bullock has worked in the Municipal government for 44 years. He is currently retired and is acting as the Interim Town Manager, in Concord. Mr. Bullock reported that his current assignment is a part-time position and he would be able to start in Sterling immediately. He assured the Board that his priorities would be to get the budget ready and to assist in finding a permanent Town Administrator for the Town. His references can be provided quickly upon request.

The Board thanked Mr. Bullock for his interest in the position and for attending both Selectmen’s meetings.

After discussion, VOTE: Selectman Kilcoyne moved to make a tentative offer of employment to Michael Szlosek as Interim Town Administrator. Selectman Cutler 2nd. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Abstained.

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Mr. Szlosek returned to the room and the Board explained that the offer will be formally finalized on Wednesday evening at the Board of Selectmen's meeting, pending Mr. Szlosek's approval and approved references. Mr. Szlosek will be given until noon on Wednesday to agree to the terms of the agreement.

Adjourn

VOTE: Chairman Patacchiola moved to adjourn at 5:40 pm. Selectman Kilcoyne 2nd. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne - Aye. Motion Carried

materials list: Brian Bullock's resume, employment agreement