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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Wednesday September 16, 2020
Held Electronically

PRESENT: First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice, Lori Bufano, Joshua Cole, Deborah McFadden, Ross Tartell

A. Call to Order

Ms. Bufano called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Fire Commission Application – Former Wilton Fighter

Ms. Vanderslice noted the Board of Selectmen had received two applications and an inquiry about the vacancy on the fire commission. The questions had been posed in executive session whether to move forward with interviews, as each had a unique set of circumstances that might result in the board choosing not to conduct an interview due to the fire commission's responsibility to hire, discipline, and terminate fire department employees. After the executive session meeting, Mr. Tartell sent an email requesting an opinion from Town Counsel. That request needed to be discussed at a public meeting. The Board considered whether to interview the two applicants and how to advise on the inquiry. Ms. Bufano and Mr. Cole indicated they did not think it appropriate to have a former employee on the fire commission and indicated that they did not want to interview the candidate. Ms. McFadden also indicated it likely wasn't appropriate, but was willing to interview. Mr. Tartell indicated that it could be an issue for an appointment but wanted to interview the candidate. Ms. Vanderslice noted it was 2-2 and said the board would move forward with the interview.

2. Fire Commission Application – Current WWALS Paramedic

Ms. Vanderslice noted the second application was WWALS Paramedic. After discussion and input, motion made by Mr. Cole not to interview the candidate. Motion seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 5-0. Guidance was provided that any volunteers serving under the Town's emergency response umbrella would need to agree to resign from such volunteer work to be considered for an interview for the police or fire commissions.

3. Questions Related to Committee Assignments

Ms. Vanderslice tabled this issue until the next BoS meeting.

C. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion moved by Ms. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Cole to adjourned meeting at 7:16 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted
Jacqueline Rochester
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