

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2011
7:30 P.M. – N. CONFERENCE ROOM
MULVEY MUNICIPAL CENTER

Call to Order

First Selectman Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

A quorum was established with the following Board members present: First Selectman Bishop and Selectman Hall. Also present: Christopher Ehlert, New Haven Register, Tony Cozza, Richard White, Darlene Jones, and Rep. Jim Crawford.

Business – Appointment of Selectman

The two Selectmen reviewed the protocol for the selection and appointment to the BOS. Since there were some issues that were raised regarding the process/appointment of Mr. Gallacher, Mr. Bishop circulated a letter from Atty. Wells clarifying the procedure. Please see attached letter.

In summary, Atty. Wells stated:

“The remaining members of the Board must fill the vacancy within 30 days after the vacancy occurs. The statutes provide no rules concerning the procedure the Board must follow to fill the vacancy, except that the minority representation rules of CGS9-167a must be adhered to. Thus the Board is free to advertise the position, seek suggestions from political committees, and follow such procedure as it deems necessary”.

“Thus the BOS have, to date, followed the proper statutory procedure for filling a vacancy on the Board, both after the prior resignation of James Crawford and after the most recent resignation”.

It was agreed that this was a meeting in public of the BOS, not a public meeting.

Mr. Ehlert was the only candidate for the position and a letter from the Chairman of the DTC, including Mr. Ehlert’s resume was received in a timely manner. This letter was available at the meeting. Mr. Ehlert was asked if he wanted to make comments and he briefly addressed the BOS indicating his interest and commitment for the position.

Mr. Hall made a motion to appoint Mr. Ehlert to the BOS. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop congratulated Mr. Ehlert on being selected and encouraged him to work cooperatively with the members of the Board to address the important issues for Westbrook residents.

Adjournment

Mr. Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Respectfully,

Attest,

Suzanne Helchowski

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