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DRAFT Meeting Minutes 10/24/2022

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

7:00PM-General Meeting

Verizon Channel 42/Comcast channel 9

Selectmen Present: D. Dawes, Chair, Vice Chair P. Kershaw, G. Fowler, D. Lamonica, A. Smith

Others Present: Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator.
Administrative Assistant, Maureen Shultz participating on Zoom.
Deputy Chief Matt McKay, Fire Administrator Brian Coolidge,
James Pike.

7:00PM CALL TO ORDER

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Chief Appointment

D. Dawes spoke on the process that has taken place for an appointment of a Fire Chief for the Town of Georgetown, spoke on advertisement for this position had been sent out previously externally and internally, process has taken about a year.

Applicant Deputy Fire Chief Matt McKay, 11 Juniper Lane, Georgetown, Mass spoke on himself as a candidate for the Fire Chief position.

- Resident of the Town for many years.
- Raising a family in Town.
- Dedicated to the Town.
- Currently working on Budgetary restraints and being creative with the budget, working on grants, medical side, a lot of components to the Department.
- Staff shifts, spoke on full time vs. per diem shifts - 40-60 split -needs to be more full time to cover the shifts.
- 20 plus years of service.
- Contract negotiations for the Department.
- Received Accreditation for Fire Chief.
- Plan & training was put in place last year which has been completed.
- Has developed many relationships with surrounding communities
- Spoke on risk when going for new a position.
- Thanked many for their support—family, friends, co-workers and the Town.

D. Dawes asked about the next steps for the Department, inquired about contract negotiations in the future and asked what do you see for the future for the Fire Department, do you see a number of staff to be increased, it was asked of Deputy Fire Chief Matt McKay how long he has worked for the Town.

D. Lamonica asked if Deputy Fire Chief Matt McKay is ready to take on this endeavor, are you ready to take on anything that might happen good and bad as the Fire Chief, asked if he promises to be a good steward of the resources provided to him by the Town.

P. Kershaw thanked and congratulated Deputy Fire Chief Matt McKay for all the effort he has put in over the last year and believes he is great fit for this position.

G. Fowler stated it seems like a while when we discussed this process possibly last November, but it's gone by quick, stated that Deputy Fire Chief Matt McKay has lived up to the expectations that were put on him, supports this appointment and hopes the Board can live up to their expectations to support him.

A. Smith agrees with all that has been said about Deputy Fire Chief Matt McKay by her Board members and commented on good job on getting all that work done.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator stated he feels good about this appointment and has spoken for the last year with Deputy Fire Chief McKay on many items such as contracts, apparatus and radios for the Fire Department, believes Deputy Chief McKay is the guy for this position for decades to come and hopes he can be here with him for decades, Acting Fire Chief Savage was recognizing for all his hard work for the Town.

D, Lamonica motioned the Board to appoint Deputy Fire Chief Matt McKay, 11 Juniper Lane, Georgetown as the new Fire Chief for the Town of Georgetown effective January 1, 2023, with a term to expire June 30, 2023, seconded by P. Kershaw. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Building Commissioner Appointment:

Applicant James Pike, 135 Haverhill Road, Chester, NH was present.

D. Dawes spoke on Mr. Pike's many years of experiences in the field and asked why he has decided to apply here in Georgetown.

Applicant James Pike spoke on the following as a candidate for the Building Commissioner position.

- Intense testing that he has taken.*
- Internships he has completed.*
- Always something he has wanted to do later in his career.*
- Five-mile radius of work in the surrounding communities*
- Relationship with many current Buildings' Inspectors*
- Not a full-time position will continue to do some light contracting on the side*
- Bring the Building Department in the twentieth century.*

- *Permit link-real time data -public knowledge.*
- *Great support system in place with other Building Inspectors*
- *Checks and balance will be in place when doing contracting in Town (D. Lamonica's question below).*
- *Here to help the Town.*
- *Takes every opportunity to get licenses.*
- *Customer service is something he is good at.*

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator spoke on developing a plan going forward for the Building Department and working with Robyn Hoyt, Building Department's Administrative Assistant and with all employees with the new software program for permitting Permit Link, all information will be available on the cloud believes Mr. Pike will fit in nicely with the Town and mentioned that his references raved about Mr. Pike. Mr. John Cashell, Town Planner and Glenn Clohecy, Building Inspector were recognized during the process with Mr. Pike and offered some good insight and thanked them for helping out.

G. Fowler inquired about Mr. Pike's sheet metal license and asked if this license is helpful and stated it makes you a little unusual for having this license as a Building Inspector, asked about the time frame for testing to be a commissioner which is 18 months to retrieve per O. Pacheco, Town Administrator, D. Dawes asked how he learned this trade.

D. Lamonica asked Mr. Pike if it will be problem to meet the 18-month deadline to become a Building Commissioner.

D. LaMonica inquired about construction work that might be done in Town by Mr. Pike and how that could be a conflict as the Building Inspector, asked if a resident came in with an issue would you help them or tell them to just do what needed to be done and not deal with them.

P. Kershaw asked what did the Board agree on for hours for this position, great resume and skill sets and believes he will fit nicely in Town.

A. Smith glad to hear about the on-line permitting.

P. Kershaw motioned the Board to appoint James Pike, 135 Haverhill Road, Chester, NH as the Building Commissioner for the Town of Georgetown with a term to expire June 30, 2023, seconded by D. Lamonica. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

D. Lamonica inquired about the new website.

ADJOURNMENT:

G. Fowler moved to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. with P. Kershaw seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM - meeting minutes transcribed by Maureen Shultz, Administrative Assistant.

Documents used in the meeting:

Applications from Deputy Chief Matt McKay and Applicant James Pike for Building Commissioner.

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