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Board of Selectmen Nonpublic Meeting Minutes June 13, 2011

Chair of the Board of Selectmen Jim O'Brien called this Nonpublic Session to order at 5:39 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2011, in the Town Administrator's Office at the Town Hall. Those persons present were as follows:

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, George Langwasser, Bryan Pellerin, and Denis Goddard. Tom Corgoran was present via phone for part of the meeting.

Staff Present: Neal Cass (Town Administrator).

The Board discussed the impending retirement of Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sue Strickford. Selectmen reviewed the information provided and shared their thoughts on how best to make a good transition and tap into Mrs. Strickford's wealth of knowledge.

Selectman Congoran joined the discussion via telephone at 6:00 p.m.

The Board decided to support Mrs. Strickford's retirement as the full time Town Clerk/Tax Collector. She will be appointed into that position in a part-time capacity until the March Town Meeting when a new Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be elected by the voters to complete the term until March 2013. As part of retaining her until March, she will help to train the newly elected Clerk/Collector when that person is elected.

The Town Administrator and Selectman Pellerin will meet with Mrs. Strickford to negotiate a work schedule where she works less than the 32 hours allowed by New Hampshire Retirement. Her compensation will be an hourly rate. The rate will be the same hourly rate as she is presently receiving. During the meeting with Mrs. Strickford, staffing at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be discussed as it is the Board's desire not to overwork the other two employees in the office. After that discussion the Board will review whether an additional part-time person should be hired for that office.

It was noted that presently the "deputy" does not live in Town meaning that she cannot be appointed to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector position unless she moves to Town.

There being no further business, Selectman Langwasser moved that the Board exit nonpublic session, and Selectman Goddard seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Chair O'Brien called for the vote. All members present voted in favor (4-0) and the Chair declared the nonpublic session concluded at 6:30 p.m.

Recorder: Neal Cass
Date: June 14, 2011