



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Michael Connor. All Board members including Mr. Connor, Mr. Sahin, Mrs. Grant and Mr. Hennessy were participating with their cameras visible during the meeting which was held via Zoom. Also actively participating in the meeting was Interim Town Administrator Beth Cornell-Smith, Building Commissioner Tim Aicardi and Administrative Assistant Hilarie Allie. This meeting was accessible to the public via the Zoom online option.

Mr. Connor stated the purpose of this meeting was to appoint individuals, based on the recommendation of interim Town Administrator Mrs. Cornell-Smith, to open positions.

Mrs. Cornell-Smith stated she is recommending the Board appoint Mr. Tim Aicardi as the Director of Building, Board of Health, Planning, Zoning and Conservation. She stated this is something that she, Mr. Aicardi and Mr. Fraine had talked about doing before Mr. Fraine's absence. Mr. Sahin questioned whether or not this could be done per the Charter. Mrs. Cornell-Smith stated she is making the recommendation to appoint and asking the Board to make the actual appointment due to the fact that the Board currently has complete authority.

On a Grant/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to appoint Tim Aicardi as the Director of Inspections to include the following departments: Building, Board of Health, Planning, Zoning and Conservation.

Mrs. Cornell-Smith stated she is recommending the Board appoint Hannah Crawford as the Conservation Administrator. She stated this position was previously filled by Anne Matthews. She stated that this position has been posted for a year and a half and that the Town was lucky enough to have Mrs. Crawford apply for the job just recently. Mr. Aicardi stated this is a hard position to fill and they received many resumes but none as qualified as Mrs. Crawford's. He stated she was quite impressive and she is excited to start her career.

On a Grant/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to appoint Hannah Crawford as the Conservation Administrator.

Mrs. Cornell-Smith stated she is recommending Tara Damiano as the Assistant Assessor. Ms. Damiano is currently on the Board of Assessors in the Town. She stated she is experienced and is currently doing this exact field work in another town.

On a Grant/Hennessy motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to appoint Tara Damiano as the Assistant Assessor.

Mrs. Cornell-Smith stated she is recommending Sue Silva as the Assistant Treasurer Collector. She stated she is excited about this one as the Town will be promoting within. Ms. Silva was hired as the collector clerk and is currently the deputy treasure collector.

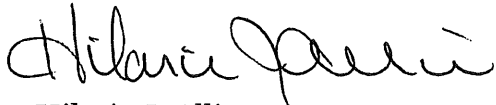
On a Grant/Sahin motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to appoint Sue Silva as the Assistant Treasurer Collector.

Mrs. Cornell-Smith stated she wanted to acknowledge that all of the employees have been doing a great job and have stepped up and pitched in to help the Town get through this difficult time.

Mr. Aicardi stated there was an accident on Hartford Ave this morning where a tractor trailer truck driver had a medical emergency while driving and hit a vacant house which resulted in a total loss. Mr. Aicardi stated in a situation like this where the house is vacant and the owner is in a nursing home, decisions need to be made for the safety of the area. He stated the house is insured but there is no successor and the house needs to come down. Mr. Aicardi stated according to MGL Chapter 143 Section 8 the Town is required to appoint an individual onto a Board of Survey. A Board of Survey is a small committee that will evaluate the building. The Building Commissioner initiates the order. According to the law, the Board consists of the Fire Chief, a Town Official (generally a DPW individual to help on the utility side) designated by the Selectboard and a third member. An example of the third member would include a contractor or structural engineer. This person is only required to give their opinion on the integrity of the building. Mr. Aicardi is suggesting the Board appoint DPW Director Jesse Riedle as the Town Official member. On a Grant/Sahin motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to appoint Jesse Riedle to a Board of Survey for the purpose of evaluating the integrity of utilities in a building for safety purposes.

On a Grant/Sahin motion, the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hilarie J. Allie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Hilarie J. Allie
Administrative Assistant