

**Town of Haverhill
Select Board
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM
R. E. Clifford Memorial Building
65 South Court St.
Woodsville, NH 03785
Or on ZOOM**

CALL TO ORDER: Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Select Board Attendance: Joe Longacre (Here), Kevin Knapp (Here), Phil Blanchard (Here). A quorum was met.

Town Employees Present:

Town Manager: Brigitte Codling (Present)

Assistant Town Manager (ATM): Jennifer Boucher (Present)

Recording Clerk: Joanna Bligh (Absent)

Members of the Public Present

In Person:

Gordy and July Harris

Darwin Clogston

Mike Bonanno

Carolyn Hofmann

Tom Friel

Howard Hatch

Sylvia Holden

Lynn Graham

Tuesday Griffin

Joe Maccini

Alfred "Jay" Holden

Richard Guy

Nancy M.

Robert Maccini

Stuart B.

Matthew Bjelobrk

Online:

Jim McKinnon

Vickie Wyman

Ann Maccini

Rod O'Shana

Mike Lavoie

Melinda Boutin

Joanne Young

Ron DeRosia

Skip Gadwah

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOTION #1: Knapp made the motion and Knapp seconded the motion to approve the Agenda amended.

- With so many candidates to interview, Longacre asked the Board for deletions on the interview questionnaire, that is to remove questions #2, #5, #7, and #8.

Voice Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Formally Accept Resignation of Katie Williams and Mike Graham

MOTION #2: Knapp made the motion and Blanchard seconded the motion to formally accept the resignation of Katie Williams and Mike Graham from the Haverhill Select Board.

Voice Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Candidates for the Select Board: Interviews

Blanchard introduced the candidates and addressed the interview questions to them.

Vickie Wyman

- *Concerning municipal government, what is the one leadership ability you would bring to the Select Board?*
Wyman replied that her experience comes from what she does for work in real estate and in health care, she is an advocate for what is best for all of the Town and to listen to everybody.
- *Do you have the dedication, understanding, and commitment needed to be a Select Board member?*
Wyman replied, “Yes.”
- *What would be your number one goal as a member of the Select Board?*
Wyman replied that truthfully to work together with everyone for full transparency, not have behind-the-scenes things going on, working together with the precincts, and trying to bring everyone together the way it used to be.
- *What do you believe the Select Board’s role is in Town government?*
Wyman replied that the goal of the Select Board is to do everything to work together to improve the Town, to get more people involved, to find out why the Town is losing people, and to find a way to work together.

Longacre asked the candidates to elaborate more on each answer.

Richard Guy

- *Concerning municipal government, what is the one leadership ability you would bring to the Select Board?*
Guy stated that he has lots of experience serving on boards for 47 years.
- *Do you have the dedication, understanding, and commitment needed to be a Select Board member?*
Guy replied, “Yes,” and he stated that he would not be here if he did have the commitment.
- *What would be your number one goal as a member of the Select Board?*

Guy stated that he was a Woodsville commissioner in 2000 when the formula was under discussion, and he did not like the end result. He would like to see this resolved in a different way.

- *What do you believe the Select Board's role is in Town government?*

Guy responded that you set policy, oversee the budget, and be a contact for the public to reach if they have issues.

Carolyn Hofmann

- *Concerning municipal government, what is the one leadership ability you would bring to the Select Board?*

Hofmann replied that she has been in leadership roles and management roles for many years, and managing budgets and financials. Hofmann stated that she does not have experience as a Select Board member, but has worked in a hospital as the manager of dialysis ward.

- *Do you have the dedication, understanding, and commitment needed to be a Select Board member?*

Hofmann replied, "I believe I do."

- *What would be your number one goal as a member of the Select Board?*

Hofmann replied that she would like to see the Town more unified.

- *What do you believe the Select Board's role is in Town government?* [Question not asked.]

Robert Maccini

- *Concerning municipal government, what is the one leadership ability you would bring to the Select Board?*

R. Maccini replied that working with Select Board members and the Town Manager to achieve results in the best interest of the Town.

- *Do you have the dedication, understanding, and commitment needed to be a Select Board member?*

R. Maccini responded, "I think so." R. Maccini continued that he was 20 years on the Planning Board, 18 years on the School Board, and 9 years on the Select Board.

- *What would be your number one goal as a member of the Select Board?*

R. Maccini noted that the #1 goal would be to bring unity to the Select Board, and hopefully to resolve the understanding with Woodsville.

- *What do you believe the Select Board's role is in Town government?*

R. Maccini stated that the Select Board role is primarily to set policy, provide funding, and work closely with the Town Manager.

Howard Hatch

- *Concerning municipal government, what is the one leadership ability you would bring to the Select Board?*

Hatch noted his experience working on the Select Board (3 years) and many other boards and committees in Haverhill in the past.

- *Do you have the dedication, understanding, and commitment needed to be a Select Board member?*

Hatch replied, “Yes.”

- *What would be your number one goal as a member of the Select Board?*
Hatch replied that...[unfinished].
- *What do you believe the Select Board’s role is in Town government?*
Hatch replied that he has difficulty speaking and is better at writing.

Mike Bonanno

- *Concerning municipal government, what is the one leadership ability you would bring to the Select Board?*
Bonanno stated that he would bring a lot of experience to the Board, which includes being on the Select Board (2 years as vice chair) and many other boards or commissions, including being deputy director of Emergency Management for the Town of Haverhill.
- *Do you have the dedication, understanding, and commitment needed to be a Select Board member?*
Bonanno stated, “Yes, I do.”
- *What would be your number one goal as a member of the Select Board?*
Bonanno stated that he would like to “do away with the battle lines” and make it one town.
- *What do you believe the Select Board’s role is in Town government?*
Bonanno stated that the Select Board’s role is to write policy, enforce the policy, and prepare warrant articles.

Robert Welch

- *Concerning municipal government, what is the one leadership ability you would bring to the Select Board?*
Welch stated his background in starting companies and being responsible for large budgets. Welch stated, “We Are Haverhill!”
- *Do you have the dedication, understanding, and commitment needed to be a Select Board member?*
Welch replied, “Yes, and I have the time.”
- *What would be your number one goal as a member of the Select Board?*
Welch replied that he would like to see everyone getting along, all the precincts. Welch discussed the duplication of administrative tasks among the Town and the districts and the importance of safety inspections.
- *What do you believe the Select Board’s role is in Town government?*
Welch replied that it is basically policy, and he spoke about courtesy at meetings.

Tom Friel

- *Concerning municipal government, what is the one leadership ability you would bring to the Select Board?*
Friel replied that he was on the Select Board for 9 years.
- *Do you have the dedication, understanding, and commitment needed to be a Select Board member?*
Friel replied, “I think so,” and he explained how he worked when on the Select Board.

- *What would be your number one goal as a member of the Select Board?*
Friel stated that he researched the records of the materials and the problem issues before the Board meetings.
- *What do you believe the Select Board's role is in Town government?*
Friel stated that the Board makes policy, and the Town Manager carries it out. Friel noted that the Board members have to be the buffer between the Town and residents.

Stuart Bevin

- *Concerning municipal government, what is the one leadership ability you would bring to the Select Board?*
Bevin stated that he owns his own business, which is a line of business where there is a lot of conflict, and we work through it.
- *Do you have the dedication, understanding, and commitment needed to be a Select Board member?*
Bevin replied, "I'll make it. If I'm committed to being there, I will show up."
- *What would be your number one goal as a member of the Select Board?*
Bevin replied to do what is best for the Town and find solutions to issues,
- *What do you believe the Select Board's role is in Town government?*
Bevin replied that the Select Board has oversight, and he does not know much about the Woodsville lawsuit. As a Board member, I would try to do what is best. I have no agenda.

Matthew Coulon

Blanchard noted that Coulon was not in attendance.

Keith Charpentier

- *Concerning municipal government, what is the one leadership ability you would bring to the Select Board?*
Charpentier, Deputy Chief of the Haverhill Corner Fire station, stated openness and communication is the ability he would bring. He stated he has held many positions as administrator, worked with schools and school boards, and has written grants.
- *Do you have the dedication, understanding, and commitment needed to be a Select Board member?*
Charpentier replied, "Absolutely."
- *What would be your number one goal as a member of the Select Board?*
Charpentier replied that he focuses on collaboration vs. conflict.
- *What do you believe the Select Board's role is in Town government?*
Charpentier stated that the Select Board addresses policy issues and hears the voice of the people.

Rod O'Shana

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