

SHELBURNE SELECTBOARD

Special Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2022

Present: Chair Mike Ashooh, Vice Chair Cate Cross, Kate Lalley, Luce Hillman, Matt Wormser. Also Town Manager Lee Krohn, Town Attorney Kristen Shamis, Acting Police Chief Michael Thomas, Linda Riell, Mike Donoghue, James Mack, Josh Flore, Norm Blais, Carol Smith, David Hall, Eric, iPhone, Jean-Henri LaPierre, Kate's iPhone, Laura Kingsland, Linda Goodrich, Name (Original Name), Peggycoutu, Peter, Steve Mayfield, Susan, William J Keogh

Chair Mike Ashooh called the hybrid meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Cate Cross to approve the meeting agenda; seconded by Matt Wormser and approved 4-0 (Kate Lalley was not yet present). A question was raised whether public comment would be permitted. Motion by Cate Cross to amend the agenda to add public comment after the executive session; seconded by Luce Hillman and approved 4-0 (Kate Lalley was not yet present). Further question was raised seeking public comment before the executive session. Motion by Matt Wormser to further amend the agenda to allow public comment before the executive session; seconded by Luce Hillman and approved 4-0 (Kate Lalley was not yet present).

Public comment was offered hoping that information will be made public about any action that may be taken.

Motion by Luce Hillman to find that premature general public knowledge of a potential settlement agreement with an employee would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage; seconded by Cate Cross and approved 4-0 (Kate Lalley was not yet present).

Motion by Luce Hillman to enter an executive session to consider a contract, mediation, and confidential attorney-client communications and to invite Town Manager Lee Krohn and Town Attorney Kristen Shamis into the executive session; seconded by Cate Cross and approved 4-0 (Kate Lalley was not yet present).

Kate Lalley arrived at this time. The regular meeting was suspended for the executive session.

The Selectboard exited executive session at 6:45 P.M. Motion by Matt Wormser to resume public session; seconded by Kate Lalley and approved 5-0.

Motion by Matt Wormser to approve the settlement agreement with an employee, as negotiated; seconded by Kate Lalley and approved 5-0.

Motion by Matt Wormser to authorize Lee Krohn to execute the settlement agreement with employee, as negotiated, and to execute any and all related agreements; seconded by Kate Lalley and approved 5-0.

Questions were raised seeking public release of the settlement agreement. The Selectboard's response was that it must be signed and notarized before it's a public document. That will occur the following morning, and the document will be made available then.

Matt Wormser then read a public statement regarding this matter.

With no further questions nor discussion, motion by Matt Wormser to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kate Lalley and approved 5-0.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn

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For the Selectboard

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Date