

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Remote Participation Only

February 5, 2021

Present: Chairman Jason Balboni, Selectmen Gail Barmakian, Gregory Coogan, Brian Packish, Ryan Ruley. Also present: Town Administrator Robert Whritenour, Assistant Town Administrator Wendy Brough, Executive Assistant Alice Ryan Butler.

Called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Interviews with three firms regarding Town Administrator Recruitment.

- Groux – White Consulting, LLC
- UMass Collins Center for Public Management
- Community Paradigm Associates, Inc.

The three firms gave brief resumes of their firms and experience. They answered questions from the individual Selectmen. In noting the challenges to find a qualified Town Administrator for Oak Bluffs, they all conceded that the Island location, housing and cost of living would make the search a little more difficult. However, they were all optimistic that they would be able to find many applicants who were qualified and eager to take on the challenge.

Selectmen Barmakian, Packish and Ruley indicated an interest in having a local person apply for the position, and that it could be intimidating to compete with candidates from “off Island” Having housing and a knowledge of the local issues would be an asset.

By consensus, it was decided to inquire if the firms would agree to having the Town conduct a local search prior to a more extensive search for a Town Administrator.

By consensus the Selectmen agreed that UMass Collins Center for Public Management was the choice for the more extensive search.

Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director Brough was asked to prepare a job description, advertisements etc.

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 4:52 p.m., seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was:

***Chairman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Executive Assistant