

**Select Board Meeting
April 23, 2021 – 8:00 AM
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street**

Present: Glenn Trindade, Chair; Maryjane White, Vice-Chair; John Foresto, Member.

Absent: Richard D’Innocenzo, Clerk.

Staff Present: Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager.

Participated Remotely: Select Board: Dennis Crowley, Member.

Others Participated Remotely: IDEA Committee Candidates: Khalid Abdi, Marques Crosby, Adam Ellis, Deborah Kreiser-Francis, Brian Sharkey.

At 8:00 AM Mr. Trindade called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Continuation of Interviews of IDEA Committee Candidates – Elizabeth Hillery, Deborah Kreiser-Francis, Juliane Nelson, Brian Sharkey/ Review & Update of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Advisory (IDEA) Committee Charge and Composition

The Board reviewed the (1) IDEA candidate List, (2) IDEA Committee candidates’ submissions of interest, and (3) proposed updates to the IDEA Committee charge and composition.

Ms. Dreiser-Francis stated she has been a resident for twelve years, is an elementary school librarian, has been in the education field for seven years, is committed to diversity and equity both in her professional and personal life, has two children in the Medway school system, one in middle school and one in high school, and feels Medway would benefit from this type of committee.

Mr. Sharkey stated he has been a resident for three years. His interest is due to the importance of the topic. He has been involved with this topic at work and his career training has been as a career market researcher and consultant, which involves active listening skills, conducting surveys, analyzing the data, and identifying actionable items along with recommendations to address the items.

Mr. Foresto stated that first item on the agenda was to address the updated committee charge and composition. He would like to recommend the following three changes: (1) add four months to the schedule since this took close to one year to get the stage of appointing members, (2) change the wording from Board of Selectmen to Select Board, and (3) to change the composition to not include a student as we had difficulty finding someone and they would only be available for a short period of time, but to include instead a business owner or civic leader.

Mr. Foresto moved that the Board approve the proposed changes to the IDEA Committee charge and composition as discussed. Ms. White seconded. Discussion: Mr. Crowley asked if we interviewed a business owner. Mr. Trindade stated we interviewed a civic leader, Andrea Crow. **It was so called by roll call: Crowley aye; Foresto aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 4-0-0.**

Mr. Trindade asked for public comments at this time. Ms. Dreiser-Francis asked why we could not have a student. Mr. Trindade explained the rationale for changing the committee composition and the difficulty in getting diverse candidates. She stated she still thinks having a student would be a benefit to the committee composition.

Appointment of IDEA Committee Members

There were no materials for the Board to review.

Mr. Foresto moved that the Board appoint the following slate of appointees including Khalid Abdi, Marques Crosby, Dan Kerls, Andrea Crow, and Brian Sharkey. Ms. White seconded. Discussion: Mr. Crowley stated he was impressed with the group of residents who came before the Board, noted the difficulty in coming to a decision, wished we could have appointed more of the applicants, and his agreement with Mr. Foresto's recommendations. Mr. Foresto noted this is an open committee and he hoped that those who were not appointed would attend the meetings. Mr. Crowley suggested that we inform those who were not appointed that they are invited to attend the meetings. Mr. Foresto stated they will be included on the distribution list of all committee activities. **It was so called by roll call: Crowley aye; Foresto aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 4-0-0.**

Mr. Foresto stated that we will send out a meeting poll request next Monday.

Review of May 10, 2021 Special Town Meeting Article 4 – Increase Amount by \$170,000

The Board reviewed the May 10, 2021 Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Trindade stated this is to place a sum of money from free cash into the capital stabilization fund for all of the facility requirements moving forward, which requires a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

Mr. Foresto moved that the Board approve increasing the free cash transfer to capital stabilization in Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting warrant to \$1,270,000 as discussed. Ms. White seconded. Discussion: Mr. Crowley asked if this was the money from the snow and ice reserve. Mr. Trindade stated it was not from snow and ice but from free cash. **It was so called by roll call: Crowley aye; Foresto aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 4-0-0.**

Select Board Member Comments

There were no materials for the Board to review.

Mr. Crowley asked that an agenda item for the Medway mustang statue be added to the next Select Board agenda. Mr. Trindade confirmed.

At 8:20 AM, Ms. White moved to adjourn. Mr. Foresto seconded. It was so called by roll call: Crowley aye; Foresto aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Langley
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Town Manager's Office