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SANBORNTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2019

Town Offices

Chairman John Olmstead called an emergency meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Thursday July 25, 2019 at 4:00pm. In attendance were Chairman Olmstead, Vice Chair Katy North and Clerk Tom Salatiello. Interim Town Administrator Jim O'Mara was also present.

Chairman Olmstead called the meeting to order at 4:05pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Resident Nina Gardner addressed the board during public comment. She wants the board to know that she and many in the community recognize these are difficult times for the board and Sanbornton and they want the board to know that the community is grateful and thankful to have such dedicated people as our selectmen.

Chairman Olmstead announced that this meeting was an emergency because the Town Clerk and Tax Collector Courtney Plamondon tendered her resignation this morning (correspondence attached) and due to the resignation of the deputy clerk - tax collector earlier this week there is no one to run the office. He felt establishing a process today to find a suitable replacement was critical to the operation of the town.

The town administrator reviewed NH RSA 669:66 with the board:

669:66 Town Clerk-Tax Collector. – *If a vacancy in the office of town clerk-tax collector occurs, the deputy provided for in RSA 41:45-c shall discharge the duties of the town clerk-tax collector until the selectmen fill the position of town clerk-tax collector within 30 days.*

The board agreed that 23 days was not a lot of time to find a town clerk- tax collector and with no deputy this matter is of serious concern.

There was much discussion about recruitment, residency, existing positions and staffing both short and long term.

The board asked the town administrator to advertise both openings as soon as possible utilizing the town's website, Laconia Sun and the New Hampshire Municipal Association's classifieds. The board authorized additional hours for the town administrator to accomplish these tasks.

Selectman North moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Town Clerk – Tax Collector Courtney Plamondon. Second by Selectmen Salatiello. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Selectman North moved to adjourn. Second by Selectmen Salatiello. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

The meeting ended at 4:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Interim, TA Omara

Approved on 8/7/19 _____

Selectmen's Clerk