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NEWTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

TIME: 6:00PM

**LOCATION: NEWTON TOWN HALL, 2 TOWN HALL ROAD and
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Conference phone number 929-205-6099

Meeting ID 818 7979 5674

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81879795674>

I. Call to Order

Chairman Burrill called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. In attendance were Selectmen Matthew A. Burrill, Chairman, Charles R. Melvin Sr., Robert Marchand Jr. Town Administrator Nancy J. Wrigley, and Selectmen's Secretary Diane M. Morin. The public meeting was videotaped; the public meeting minutes were transcribed and typed by Secretary Morin.

Selectman Lawrence Foote was not present.

II. Scheduled Business

A. Review – Abutter notice for the June 21, 2022, Public Hearing

Secretary Morin asked the Board if they would allow participants to be heard via Zoom for the June 21st public hearing concerning Southern New Hampshire Industrial Park request to use the Town easement on Howard Lane. The Board approved the use of Zoom for participants at the public hearing. Secretary Morin will send out the abutter notices with the Zoom information.

B. Legal opinion on process for filling vacant Selectmen's seat

Chairman Burrill stated that the Board asked Secretary Morin to inquire of New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) Attorney Stephen Buckley the process to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Selectmen. NHMA responded that the process must be a public process. All matters discussed must be done in a public meeting and cannot be conducted in a non-public session.

Chairman Burrill stated that the Board will be appointing a candidate for the next 10 months. Then at the March Town meeting, there will be a split ballot. In addition to the 2 open seats, there will be an additional position for 1 year to finish out the term that former Selectman Crnolic vacated.

Town Clerk MaryJo McCullough verified that each candidate was a registered voter. Below is the list of candidates:

Mr. Anthony Aiello of 2 Whittier Street.
Mr. Daniel Guide of 15 Bartlett Street.
Mr. Michael Connolly of 18 Overlook Drive.
Mr. Joseph Simone of 7 Quaker Street.
Mr. Ricky Gonyer of 53 North Main Street.

Mr. Anthony Levin of 22 Marcoux Road was not a registered voter and was disqualified.

C. Introduction of Candidates for vacant Selectmen's seat

Chairman Burrill explained how the interviews will proceed. Each candidate will be given 4 minutes to introduce themselves. Each candidate will be asked the same question from the Board. Once the Board has asked their questions, the public will be invited to ask questions of the candidates. The order in which candidates answer the questions will rotate so that no one candidate will be the first to answer every time.

Mr. Joe Simone asked the Board to make the decision tonight. He is of the opinion that the Board has all the information to appoint a new Selectman.

Selectman Melvin moved to make the decision tonight. Selectman Marchand seconded for discussion.

Chairman Burrill stated that he would like more time to consider each candidate.

The motion failed. Melvin – aye. Burrill – nay, Marchand – nay.

The Board proceeded to ask each candidate questions. Once the Board finished, the public asked their questions of each candidate.

Chairman Burrill explained that the Board will make their decision at the June 7, 2022, Board of Selectmen's meeting. He asked that the candidates please be present and prepared to take the oath of office. Town Clerk McCullough will be on hand to administer the oath once selected. This will allow the successful candidate to take the seat immediately.

III. Adjourn

Selectman Melvin moved to adjourn at 7:50pm. Seconded by Selectman Marchand.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Morin
Board of Selectmen Secretary