BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

September 2, 2020

Board met in session at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM Conferencing:

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Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair
David Depew
M. C. Moses Grader
James E. Nye

Jason Silva, Town Administrator

The Chair called the meeting of Wednesday, September 2, 2020 to order. The following roll call was taken: Mr. Depew, present; Mr. Grader, present; Mrs. Belf-Becker, present.

HEARINGS OFFICER. Motion made and seconded, in accordance with Police Chief Robert Picariello's request, and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 31, Section 41, that Jason Silva, Town Administrator, be appointed as the designated hearing officer regarding Police Officer Chris Gallo's conduct while in the performance of his duties on May 19, 2020. Moved by Mr. Depew, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Depew, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Mr. Nye joined the meeting.

STATEMENT. Recent acts of hate in Town. The Board addressed the recent acts of hatred that have taken place in Town. Board members all expressed their disappointment with these acts stating there is no room in Town for this and the Town will not tolerate this behavior. The Chair stated *as a member of the Board of Selectmen I condemn these acts of hate and am saddened that this has happened in our community yet again....I remain committed to speak out against any expression of hate in the community and will continue our collective work to promote tolerance, justice and equality.* Mr. Grader read a prepared statement (attached here). Chief Picariello addressed the Board and related that new incidents had occurred the previous night. The Chief and his department are committed to standing up against this behavior. Helaine Hazlett, Chair, Task Force against Discrimination, thanked the Board and the Chief for their support. The Task Force will soon announce their plans for the 2nd Annual Indigenous People's Day and several live stream events coming up this fall.

CONDOLENCE. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of condolence to the family of Bob Ross, former Assistant Director, Accounting. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Depew, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor: Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Moved by Mr. Grader, seconded by Mr. Nye. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Depew, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor: Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide

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