

Select Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2023, Select Board Executive Session and Open (Hybrid)

Via Zoom Platform

Select Board Members Present: Kristen Reed-Chair, Susan Areson-Vice Chair, John Dundas-Clerk, Robert Weinstein-Member, Stephanie Rein-Member

Select Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Darrin Tangeman-Town Manager, Kelly Clark-Assistant Town Manager, Town Counsel David Jenkins of KP Law, Anne Greenbaum-Truro Voter, Jack Riemer-Truro Voter

Chair Reed called the meeting to order at 10:41 am.

Chair Reed made a motion to move the meeting into Executive Session for the following purposes:

- 1. in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A § 21 (a) 1 to discuss the reputation and character rather than the professional competence of, or complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual; review and vote to release or hold meeting minutes and not to reconvene in open session, unless the person involved requests that the session be open; and**
- 2. in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A § 21 (a) 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Town Manager), and to reconvene in open session.**

Member Rein seconded the motion.

Before the Members discussed this motion, Chair Reed recognized Anne Greenbaum and Jack Riemer who asked questions about this procedure. The questions were answered by the Town Counsel.

Prior to the motion vote, Chair Reed recognized Vice Chair Areson who read aloud a prepared statement as she wanted this presented in open session. She identified herself as the subject of the anonymous complaint that was the first agenda item for the Executive Session. Vice Chair Areson stated that she was the target of the anonymous complaint that was made 48 hours prior to this meeting and that she had initial contact with Attorney Bruce Bierhans regarding this matter but he was unable to attend today's meeting due to the short notice. Vice Chair Areson added that a Select Board discussion on this anonymous complaint without her ability to seek legal counsel was a denial of her due process in this matter.

Town Counsel responded that Vice Chair Areson had no due process rights which were attached to this stage of the proceedings and he recommended that the Select Board grant Vice Chair Areson's requested continuance and then proceed to the next agenda item. There were no objections from the Members regarding Vice Chair Areson's requested continuance in this matter.

Member Weinstein, Member Rein, and Chair Reed stated that the pursuit of the anonymous complaint was warranted. Member Dundas stated that he supported the continuance in this matter so Vice Chair

Areson could seek legal counsel. Chair Reed then recognized Member Weinstein who amended the prior motion.

Member Weinstein made a motion to move the meeting into Executive Session for the purposes previously moved by Chair Reed and amended that motion to grant Vice Chair Areson's request for a continuance so she may seek legal counsel in a timely manner, and that this matter warrants further investigation.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson – Nay

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

So voted, 4-1-0, motion carries.

With support from the Town Counsel, Town Manager Tangeman announced that this Open Session would be closed and the Select Board would now move into Executive Session at 11:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,



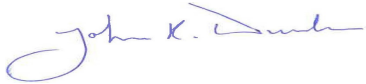
Alexander O. Powers
Board/Committee/Commission Support Staff



Kristen Reed, Select Board Chair



Susan Areson, Select Board Vice Chair



John Dundas, Select Board Clerk



Stephanie Rein, Select Board Member



Robert Weinstein, Select Board Member

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