

**CHARLOTTE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
MEETING CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**

APPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Chair Matthew Krasnow, Vice Chair Frank Tenney, James Faulkner, Louise McCarren, Carrie Spear

ADMINISTRATION: Dean Bloch, Town Administrator

OTHERS: Dave Carpenter

AGENDA ITEMS:

8:00 PM Adjustments to the agenda

8:01 PM Green Lantern appeal for public records request (executive session is possible)

8:15 PM Personnel issue (executive session likely)

CALL TO ORDER

Selectboard Chair Matt Krasnow called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

Adjustments to the agenda

None

Green Lantern appeal for public records request (executive session is possible)

Dave Carpenter of Green Lantern said he and the Town Attorney have been discussing this public records request for quite some time. Green Lantern's interest in the email, phone, and written records between the Town and a potential contractor, Mr. Beldock, are needed for pending litigation between this contractor and Green Lantern. Dave argued that the requested documents are not exempt from disclosure and challenged the basis for the Town refusal to release an unredacted version of the requested documentation. Green Lantern proposed to put a protective order in place so these documents cannot be disseminated after review, Dave said. Louise McCarren said the Selectboard should not set a precedent for giving out documents by agreement that are otherwise exempt under the Public Records Act.

MOTION by James Faulkner, seconded by Louise McCarren, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the public records request. VOTE: 5 ayes; all in favor; motion carried.

MOTION by Frank Tenney, seconded by James Faulkner, to exit executive session and reconvene as Selectboard. VOTE: 5 ayes; all in favor; motion carried.

MOTION by Matt Krasnow, seconded by Frank Tenney, to approve Green Lantern's appeal of the decision of the custodian of the public records. VOTE: 0 ayes, 5 nays; motion failed. A written decision will follow.

Personnel issue (executive session likely)

MOTION by Matt Krasnow, seconded by Louise McCarren, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. VOTE: 5 ayes; all in favor; motion carried.

Matt and Louise left the meeting. Frank assumed the role of Chair.

MOTION by Frank Tenney, seconded by James Faulkner, to exit executive session and reconvene as Selectboard. VOTE: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent; motion carried.

MOTION by Frank Tenney, seconded by James Faulkner, to authorize Dean to contract with Jeannine McCrumb to assist the Zoning Administrator for a maximum total payment of \$750. VOTE: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent; motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by James Faulkner, seconded by Carrie Spear, to adjourn. VOTE: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Lynn Monty, Recording Secretary.