

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

Present: Alisa Brewer, Connie Kruger, Doug Slaughter, Andy Steinberg, and Jim Wald

Staff: Peter Hechenbleikner, Temporary Town Manager; David Ziomek, Assistant Town Manager and Deborah Radway, Human Resource Director

Absent: None

Other: Bernard Lynch, Principal at Community Paradigm Associates LLC; Finalist William J. Fraser

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Lynch introduced Mr. Fraser to the Select Board. The schedule for the day was reviewed to include a Tour of the Town with Assistant Town Manager M. David Ziomek from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. including the APD, AFD, Jones Library, Bangs Center, DPW, Schools and LSSE, University & Colleges, village centers of South Amherst and North Amherst. Lunch in downtown with four senior staff: Human Resources/Human Rights, Assistant to the Town Manager, Treasurer/Collector, Building Commissioner, followed by a walking tour of downtown with Economic Development Director and Planning Director, and a Planning Board member with a brief visit with Chamber and BID representatives. A community Q & A to be facilitated by Mr. Lynch in Town Room will run from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. before returning to the formal interview at 6:00 p.m. Members spoke with Mr. Fraser in an informal setting. The meeting recessed to return for the formal interview at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened by Ms. Brewer at 6:03 p.m. Ms. Brewer reviewed the process to occur. It was noted that Amherst Media will do its best to make the tapes of the three interviews available as quickly as possible, hopefully by the evening following each interview. Ms. Brewer introduced Mr. Fraser.

The candidate was asked to review his perceptions after the day's visit. Mr. Fraser indicated he enjoyed his visit and found that staff clearly enjoyed working for the Town and that individuals he met had a deep pride in their community. He noted the public building projects upcoming were talked about in the public session this afternoon

The Select Board members alternated interview questions, which had been assigned in advance for approximately two and a half hours. The questions are available online as is a video of the interview at Amherst Media.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by Alisa Brewer, Chair

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting – Available in the Outline Packet for the Meeting Date
Agenda, William J. Fraser Letter of Interest, Resume and Writing Sample