

December 10, 2020

Police Chief Search Committee Meeting

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Town Hall

4:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Mr. Klaus Hachfeld

Ms. Kristen Leo

Mr. Reed Hillman

Mr. Shane Woodson

Staff:

Jeff Bridges, Town Administrator

Mr. Jeff Bridges called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Bridges read the following statement: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting law, G.L. c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Sturbridge Police Chief Search Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town's website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen and or watch the meeting either online via the Town's on demand video broadcast, on cable television on channel 191, or dial into the meeting at 774-304-1455, enter 1428# for the meeting number and 12345 for the access code. (This phone number is only active for the public during public meetings). No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Mr. Bridges began by asking the committee to review the previous minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes from November 17, 2020 as written.

By: Mr. Shane Woodson

2nd: Mr. Klaus Hachfeld

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Klaus Hachfeld: YES, Ms. Kristen Leo: YES, Mr. Reed Hillman: YES, Mr. Shane Woodson: YES, Mr. Jeff Bridges: YES

Vote: 5-0

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Mr. Bridges said he distributed the background check report to the committee members, which was contingent on the final selection for Mr. Dessert as Chief of Police and asked the committee if they had any questions or concerns. Mr. Hillman noticed on the report that it says he started in Brimfield in 1978 and asked if it was a typo since it did not align with Chief Dessert's age. Mr. Bridges said he would follow up and check on that detail. Mr. Bridges also asked if there were any final concerns and Mr. Hachfeld asked if Mr. Dessert is going to relinquish his responsibilities to the town of Wales and concentrate entirely on Sturbridge. Mr. Bridges confirmed. Mr. Bridges said at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on December 21, 2020, he will ask the Board of Selectmen to confirm his appointment of Chief Dessert as the Chief of Police.

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn at 4:06 p.m. By: Mr. Shane Woodson

2nd: Mr. Reed Hillman

Roll Call Vote:

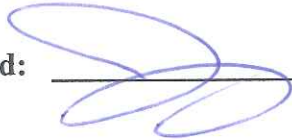
Mr. Klaus Hachfeld: YES, Ms. Kristen Leo: YES, Mr. Reed Hillman: YES, Mr. Shane Woodson: YES, Mr. Jeff Bridges: YES

Vote: 5-0

Adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Alex McConnon

Date approved: _____



Signed: _____

12/14/2020