



Town of Middlefield Board of Selectmen

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Selectboard Meeting

June 14, 2023

This meeting was held at the Middlefield Town Hall in conjunction with the Washington, MA Selectboard to discuss the potential candidates for the position of Town Administrator. Middlefield Select Board members present were Ann Marie Visconti, Chairman and Curt Robie, member. Washington Select Board members present were Kent Loo, Ken Walto, David Ellis, John ???, and Meg ????. Middlefield town residents present were Joseph Kearns, Tamarin Laurel Pain, and Adair Laurel Cafarello. The meeting was declared open at 7:00 PM.

It was reported that the preferred candidate for the position has declined the offer secondary concerns about not finding affordable housing, and not feeling the salary was sufficient to meet her needs. Concern by the Selectboards were also raised that the candidate was not willing to sign off on a background check, would not supply social security number, and didn't return the offer letter for the position. A discussion was held regarding going to the next candidate for potential offer of the Town Administrator, or return to the steering committee to look at the 4 candidates of the second tier.

A lengthy and robust discussion was held on the potential candidate of Sean Curran, and a question of having him come in for a second interview. It was the general consensus that he would be a good fit with his legislature background, however, concerns were raised about his knowledge base with working with small hill town employees, and that he would not have a support staff to delegate to. It was recommended that he be sent an offer letter and the employment agreement, but that the offer was pending a second interview. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that this recommendation be followed. It was also reported that the third candidate, George Zuckie (?sp), would be notified that if the preferred candidate declined the position, he would be a viable candidate. It was reported that the third candidate was also looking a position in Alaska.

Ken Walto from Washington Selectboard will contact both candidates for: 1: Requesting second interview with Sean Curran, and 2: Informing George Zuckie (?sp) that he is still a contender. It was reported that George would not be ruled out completely due to his experience in the Department of Revenue office.

No further business to come before the meeting, it was closed at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark W. Doane, Town Administrative Ass't

Addendum: On June 15th, it was reported that Sean Curran's second interview is scheduled for June 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Middlefield Town Hall.