Selectmen's Executive Session Minutes **January 29, 2018**
Town Administrator's Office at Town Hall

Present: Chairman Lisa J. O'Donnell, Selectman Andrew C. Spinney, Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki, and Selectmen's Assistant Pamela J. Witham.

Also Present: Virginia Antell and Jeffrey Soulard

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Released 1/28/2019)

At 11:43 a.m., citing the need to conduct contract negotiations with Virginia Antell with respect to the Town Accountant vacancy, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2); the need to conduct contract negotiations with Jeffrey Soulard with respect to the anticipated vacancy for the Treasurer/Collector; also pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2); the need to discuss and possibly vote on the effects of a past tax taking and conversion to Town conservation land on parcels that may have been encumbered with specific, third party property rights prior to Town involvement, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(6); and the need to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property relative to a possible future site for a public safety facility, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(6); the Chairman entertained a motion to move to Executive Session. She stated that discussing these matters in Open Session would be detrimental to the Town's negotiating strategies and said that the Board would only be returning to Open Session to adjourn the meeting. She invited Virginia Antell to attend the Executive Session discussion regarding her proposed contract; Jeffrey Soulard to attend the discussion regarding his proposed contract; and also invited the Town Administrator to attend the entire Executive Session. The motion was moved and seconded. Following a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board, their Assistant, the Town Administrator, and Virginia Antell moved to Executive Session. Jeffrey Soulard left the meeting.

Contract negotiations with Virginia Antell with respect to Town Accountant vacancy, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2): TEXT REDACTED.

Contract negotiations with Jeffrey Soulard with respect to anticipated vacancy for Treasurer/Collector, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2): TEXT REDACTED.

Discussion and possible votes on effects of past tax taking and conversion to Town conservation land on parcels that may have been encumbered with specific, third party property rights prior to Town involvement, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(6): Mr. Zubricki reported that Town Counsel had spoken with Attorney John Guerin regarding this matter. It is Town Counsel's opinion that the Town acted correctly in this matter, years ago, and was under no obligation to create and file new deeds for the properties involved. Town Counsel has suggested to Attorney Guerin (per the Selectmen's previous recommendation) that he have the metes and bounds surveyed for the properties that he is interested in and then he would have to sue the Town for permission to access those properties over Town land.

Discuss purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property relative to possible future site for public safety facility, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(6): The Board discussed the option to purchase land on which to erect a new Fire Station and renovate the existing Fire Station for use by the Police Department. Selectman Spinney updated those present on his recent discussions with Kevin Ricci, the owner of the Village Restaurant at 55 Main Street. The Board asked Mr. Zubricki to contact Kevin Ricci to find out if Mr. Ricci and his lawyer would be interested in meeting with Town Counsel, Selectman Spinney, and the Town Administrator to discuss a possible Town purchase or lease of the property at 55 Main Street, as well as ways this might be accomplished. The Board said that they would also like the Finance Committee Chair and Vice Chair to comment in a future Executive Session on the option to relocate at least the Fire Department to a new site.

There being no further business before the Board requiring an Executive Session, a motion was made and seconded to return to Open Session. Following a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board, their Assistant, and the Town Administrator returned to Open Session at 1:17 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____
Andrew C. Spinney