

At the Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown, County of Washington, and State of Rhode Island, held in and for said Town, County, and State this 30th day of January, 2017 at the Municipal Offices, 100 Fairway Drive, at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Richard A. Welch, President
Doreen M. Costa
Kevin V. Maloney
Kerry P. McKay
Ellen S. Waxman

ALSO PRESENT: Thomas J. Mulligan, Town Manager
Jeannette Alyward, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown held on January 30, 2017 was called to order by President Welch.

2. Notice of Meeting being posted

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-6(c), notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's Website.

3. Salute to Flag

President Welch led those in attendance in saluting the flag.

4. Public Comment

Elaine Casey Lemieux, 37 Buena Vista Drive, stated she would like to ask the Council what the reason is for completely ignoring the Citizen's Panel suggestion for the Town Manager's position, other than the fact that they can. She would also like it known for the record that the Citizen's Panel vote was 9-0 for one particular candidate who was highly qualified and rumor has it that that is not the Council's choice.

Bob Vanderslice, 151 Prospect Avenue, stated that at the last meeting he requested that minutes be posted to the website and understands that has been done.

5. Appointment of Town Solicitor and Assistant Town Solicitor

Motion by Councilor Maloney, seconded by Councilor Waxman and unanimously

VOTED: To ratify the vote taken in Executive Session on January 27, 2017 to appoint the law firm of Callaghan & Callaghan, 3 Brown Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852 to represent the Town of North Kingstown with Matthew F. Callaghan, Jr. appointed as Town Solicitor and James M. Callaghan appointed as Assistant Town Solicitor.

6. Appointment of Town Solicitor for Labor Relations

Motion by Councilor McKay, seconded by Councilor Costa and unanimously

VOTED: To ratify the vote taken in Executive Session on January 27, 2017 to appoint the law firm of Whelan, Corrente, Flanders, Kinder & Siket, LLP, 100 Westminster Street, Suite 710, Providence, RI 02903 to represent the Town of North Kingstown for labor relations. Attorney Daniel Kinder is appointed as Town Solicitor for labor relations and additional members of the law firm are appointed as Assistant Town Solicitors.

7. Appointment of Town Manager

Motion by Councilor Waxman, seconded by Councilor Maloney and

VOTED: To ratify the vote taken in Executive Session on January 27, 2017 to appoint A. Ralph Mollis as Town Manager.

Councilor McKay and Councilor Costa voted in the negative.

Councilor McKay stated that the process is the process. Now that the vote has been taken, he would like to reach out to the community to offer our congratulations to Mr. Mollis. Regardless of how he voted tonight, the community needs to be behind the new Manager and support the endeavors of the Manager and put aside all differences. We need to move forward with the business of our Town and fully endorse our new Manager.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:38 P.M.

Jeannette Alyward
Town Clerk