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BOARD OF SELECTMEN Emergency Meeting

Meeting Minutes
Lower Level Conference Room

August 6, 2018
6:30 P.M.

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First Selectwoman Wiecenski called the emergency meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance: Selectmen Makuch & Blessington and residents.

Selectwoman Wiecenski explained that the meeting was called due to a concern within the community regarding the offer of employment for the Planning, Zoning and Wetlands agent. The hiring committee for this position was comprised of Selectwoman Wiecenski, Selectman Blessington, Walter Parsell, Planning and Zoning Chair, Dave Schreiber, Inland Wetlands Co-Chair, and Susan Yorgensen current Planning, Zoning and Wetlands agent.

We received multiple applications with only 3 with any qualifications; Mr. Biancur being one of them. We became aware of Mr. Biancur's background at the time of his interview. The committee had lengthy discussions with regards to his background. Ultimately an offer of employment was made based on several reasons:

- 1) Mr. Biancur was highly qualified in regards to his education and previous employment in the field of Land Use
- 2) His grant writing experience and success, we believed, could benefit the town of Willington in many ways.
- 3) We believed Mr. Biancur made a costly error in his previous Zoning position and paid the price. He served his time and we were willing to give him a second chance.

Prior to this incident, he had served as an effective and knowledgeable municipal employee and we expect the same now. He was given the same reference and background check any potential employee would have received and his qualifications and potential to the assist the Town were weighed against his past mistakes. For these reasons we offered a letter of employment that would begin on August 13, 2018. Mr. Biancur was made aware of this meeting and was willing to speak to any resident regarding his situation. Unfortunately he is out of town and was unable to return in time. He has emailed me this afternoon saying he had no problem with the BOS discussing his hire in a public meeting.

Discussion followed.

Selectwoman Makuch made a motion that the offer of employment be rescinded for the Planning, Zoning and Wetlands agent. First Selectwoman Wiecenski seconded the motion.

Vote: 2 Yes (Wiecenski & Makuch); 1 Abstention; (Blessington) 0 No.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tish Ignatowicz
Transcribing Secretary