

Approved December 15, 2020

Wenham Board of Selectmen
Joint with the Hamilton Wenham Regional School Committee
Meeting of December 2, 2020
Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all board/committee members, a meeting of the Wenham Board Selectmen, was held on Wednesday December 2, 2020 at 6:30pm on Zoom jointly with the Hamilton Wenham Regional School Committee (HWRSC).

With a quorum present, Mr. Cheeseman called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.
Wenham Selectmen present: Gary Cheeseman, Chair/Clerk; Jack Wilhelm, Vice Chair; John Clemenzi, Vice Chair
Also present: Catherine Tinsley, Recording Secretary

Ms. Bailey called the HWRSC to order at 6:32pm.
School Committee members present; Michelle Bailey, chair; Michelle Horgan; David Polito; Anna Siedzik; Peter Wolczik
Also Present: Mary Beth Banios, Hamilton Wenham Regional School Superintendent

The School Committee began their meeting with Public Comment at 6:30pm.

The Wenham Board of Selectmen participated jointly for the School Committee's agenda item *to conduct interviews for the open seat on the Hamilton Wenham Regional School Committee*. Long serving School Committee member Stacey Metternick, a Wenham resident, resigned leaving her seat open until the next election in May. This must be filled by a Wenham resident.

New Business

- Jointly appoint a Wenham Resident to the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee with the Wenham Board of Selectmen.

The candidates each gave an opening statement and were asked the following questions:
The candidates were interviewed in the order as listed in the minutes.

- In your opinion what is the district doing well and what are your challenges and how would your work on the committee to improve them?
- Do you plan on running for a full term on the committee in May?
- How will you work with the local governments? What knowledge will you gain from local governments? and how will you implement that knowledge to rectify differences or build consensus through the district budgeting process?
- How will you come up to speed on the Government governmental budgeting process?
- What criteria do you feel should be used when deciding on our educational modes whether they're remote, hybrid, or something else?

1. R. Jennifer Carr, Meridian Road
 - Letter of Interest and Resume, November 5, 2020
2. Julia Campbell, Birch Road
 - Letter of Interest and Resume, November 15, 2020
3. Leslie Potter, Gusset Road
 - Letter of Interest and Resume, November 23, 2020
4. Jen Caufield, Juniper Street
 - Letter of Interest and Resume, November 23, 2020

- Discussion and possible vote to appoint.

The candidates were recognized and thanked for their interest and asked to continue to consider community service. It was noted that all candidates had elements that made them ideal candidates, and dedicated to the students.

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Ms. Bailey opened the meeting for discussion, beginning with the Selectmen. The Board and Committee members each identified two candidates for consideration.

Wenham BOS:

Selectman Cheeseman: Dr. Carr / Julia Campbell
Selectman Clemenzi: Julia Campbell / Ms. Potter
Selectman Wilhelm: Ms. Potter / Dr. Carr

HWRSC:

Anna Siedzik: Dr. Carr / Julia Campbell
Peter Wolczik: Dr. Carr / Julia Campbell
David Polito: Julia Campbell / Jen Caufield
Michelle Horgan: Jen Caufield / Leslie Potter
Michelle Bailey: Jen Caufield / Julia Campbell
Dana Allara: Jen Caufield/ Leslie Potter

With the nominations so close, this process was followed by each Board/Committee member putting forth their first choice.

Wenham BOS:

Selectman Cheeseman: Dr. Carr
Selectman Clemenzi: Julia Campbell
Selectman Wilhelm: Dr. Carr

HWRSC

Anna Siedzik: Dr. Carr
Peter Wolczik: Dr. Carr
David Polito: Julia Campbell
Michelle Bailey: Julia Campbell
Dana Allara: Julia Campbell
Michelle Horgan: Julia Campbell

Vote: Ms. Allara moved to appoint Julia Campbell to fill the remainder of the term (May 2021) left by Stacey Metternick on the Hamilton Wenham Regional School Committee. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

It was noted Ms. Campbell must be sworn in by the Wenham Town Clerk in person.

- Adjourn - *The BOS unanimously adjourned by roll call at 7:51 pm.*

*Respectfully Submitted By
Catherine Tinsley
12.6.2020*