

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING – 5:30PM
SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM, MUNICIPAL CENTER
MINUTES**

Selectboard members present: Brandie Starr, Tim Wessel, and Elizabeth McLoughlin.
Selectboard member-elect present: Ian Goodnow.

Staff present: Town Manager Peter Elwell, Assistant Town Manager, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

Media present: BCTV staff and volunteers.

Others present: Tom Costello, Ruth Shafer, and Nick Dickison.

Chair Brandie Starr called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. She confirmed that the meeting had been properly warned. She noted that this was a special meeting for the purposes of maintaining Town operations through unusual times [the onset of COVID-19/Coronavirus and the resulting cancellation of Representation Town Meeting].

INTERNAL BUSINESS

Appointment of a Selectboard Member to Fill the Vacancy Created by Dave Schoales' Resignation. Starr noted that by terms of the Town Charter, Selectboard members' terms would expire on the Monday after Representative Town Meeting (RTM) and newly elected members would be sworn-in at that time. However, she said that due to the spread of COVID-19/Coronavirus this year, RTM had been cancelled so the terms of the current members would continue until RTM was rescheduled. She said that David Schoales' term on the Selectboard expired this year and Ian Goodnow had been elected. She said that Schoales chose to resign the remainder of his term on the Selectboard and would be serving as Chair of the newly formed School District Board. Starr thanked Schoales for his many years of service on the Selectboard. She said that with his resignation, the Board intended to appoint Selectboard member-elect Ian Goodnow to fill the vacant seat. She noted that the current members would continue to serve out their terms until the Monday after Representative Town Meeting.

MOTION BY TIM WESSEL TO APPOINT IAN GOODNOW TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT ON THE SELECTBOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM TO WHICH DAVID SCHOALES WAS ELECTED IN 2017. MOTION CARRIED 3-0 (CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS).

Oath of Office – Newly Appointed Member. Executive Secretary/Notary Public Jan Anderson administered the oath of Office to Selectboard member-elect Ian Goodnow. Goodnow then joined the other members at the Board table.

Election of Officers

- (i) *Chair of the Board*
- (ii) *Vice Chair of the Board*
- (iii) *Clerk of the Board*

Starr asked the Board to elect new officers. She announced that she would not seek re-election as Chair or any other officer for the remainder of her term. She asked for a motion to elect officers for the remainder of the 2019-2020 term.

MOTION BY ELIZABETH McLOUGHLIN TO ELECT SELECTBOARD OFFICERS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM OF THE 2019-2020 SELECTBOARD. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Starr opened nominations for Chair of the Board. McLoughlin nominated Tim Wessel. There were no other nominations and Starr closed the nominations. There was no discussion by the Board.

TIM WESSEL WAS ELECTED AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD ON A VOTE OF 4-0.

Starr opened nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board. Wessel nominated Elizabeth McLoughlin. There were no other nominations and Starr closed the nominations. There was no discussion by the Board.

ELIZABETH McLOUGHLIN WAS ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD ON A VOTE OF 4-0.

Starr opened nominations for Clerk of the Board. McLoughlin nominated Ian Goodnow. There were no other nominations and Starr closed the nominations. There was no discussion by the Board.

IAN GOODNOW WAS ELECTED AS CLERK OF THE BOARD ON A VOTE OF 4-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

There was no further business.

MOTION BY IAN GOODNOW AT 5:38PM TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Ian Goodnow, Clerk