

TOWN OF HOLLISTON

SELECT BOARD

July 20, 2023
6:30PM

Town Hall
703 Washington Street

Present: John Cronin, Chair; Tina Hein, Vice Chair; Ben Sparrell, Clerk via Zoom.

Also Present: Travis Ahern, Town Administrator; Kathleen Buckley, Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director; Michael Cassidy, Holliston Fire Chief; Brian Kelley, Holliston Assistant Fire Chief/EMS Director appointee; Dr. Liz Theiler and Willie Theiler, Town residents.

At 6:30pm J. Cronin called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTION & APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF/EMS DIRECTOR:

Travis Ahern, Town Administrator, gave a brief background of the recruitment process for the Assistant Fire Chief/EMS Director, a position approved at Town Meeting. With the assistance of MRI, a work plan was put into place and an interview panel consisting of five members interviewed various candidates.

T. Ahern read the memo pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to allow B. Sparrell to vote via a remote location. After which time attendance was taken as Roll Call: B. Sparrell, AYE; T. Hein, AYE; J. Cronin, AYE.

Chief Cassidy introduced Brian Kelley with a brief overview of his experience and noted that he is highly qualified for the position.

B. Kelley then took the opportunity to add to the experiences highlighted by Chief Cassidy.

Each of the Select Board members asked B. Kelley questions which included his goals and his process at achieving bringing an ALS model to Holliston within the foreseeable future.

Chief Cassidy added that during the interview process B. Kelley provided “real figures” noting that the cost of reaching the ALS goal is more significant than originally stated in the MRI Study Report and there will most likely be an article on the October 2023 Town Meeting Warrant looking for additional funding.

T. Hein made a motion to appoint Brian Kelley to the role of Assistant Fire Chief/EMS Director for which reappointment is scheduled annually on June 30th, and further to execute a 3 year contract as presented and reviewed by Labor Counsel for fiscal year 2024-2026, start date to be determined by the candidate and HR, but generally to be understood to be sometime in August 2023. B. Sparrell second. Roll Call: B. Sparrell, AYE; T. Hein, AYE; J. Cronin, AYE.

BOARD BUSINESS:

T. Hein made a motion to move \$5,000 from the Town’s Fiscal 2023 State Earmark Funds for the 300th Anniversary Celebration preparation to Celebrate Holliston, a registered 501C3

for a verity of events as presented, which will close out the \$10,000 earmark prior to the State deadline of August 2023. B. Sparrell second. Roll Call: B. Sparrell, AYE; T. Hein, AYE; J. Cronin, AYE.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Cronin stated that he will not be in attendance at the July 31, 2023 meeting.

At 6:51pm T. Hein made a motion to adjourn. B. Sparrell second. Roll Call: B. Sparrell, AYE; T. Hein, AYE; J. Cronin, AYE.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Driscoll

Approved___8-28-23

