



TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
OPEN SESSION
WATER DEPT OFFICE - 22 ELM ST, MICHAEL J.
MACPHERSON MEETING ROOM & VIA ZOOM
AUGUST 18, 2022

4:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard W. Loring, Jr called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

In attendance were Vice Chairman Robert Erlandsen, Commissioner Robert Kostka and Clerk Stacey Smith. Superintendent Chris Veracka attended via ZOOM.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT BILL SCHEDULES:

MEETING MINUTES:

None

APPOINTMENTS:

None

WATER SUPERINTENDENT DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

VOTE TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT OF A CANDIDATE TO FILL THE VACANCY OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT FOREMAN.

Chairman Loring stated they have received copies of the applications for the two candidates for the position of Water Department Foreman. We have reviewed the applications and what they have said about themselves in each of their applications. Chairman Loring stated both candidates currently work for the water department. He stated Superintendent Veracka conducted the applicant interviews.

Superintendent Veracka thanked the board for meeting on such last-minute notice. He stated the candidates were Wade Sinclair, who has been with the water department for 5.5 years and Eric Hillstrom who has been with the water department for 3.5 years.

Chairman Loring stated, in looking at the applications, one candidate appears to be much more thorough in his application process. In his opinion, this applicant is more indicative of the type of person we would be looking for as foreman. He added, from a standpoint of seniority, he understands Wade has more time; however, Eric was much more thorough in his application process. In the way he formatted his letter clearly indicates this is the type of individual I would want to carry on if and when you're (C. Veracka) not available. He said it's important that someone have a solid plan and background as far as being a foreman is concerned. Commissioner Loring asked the Board for their input,

Vice Chairman Erlandsen agreed with the application and stated the licenses, qualifications, certifications and employment history of Eric lends itself well to a supervisory position. He stated that while he doesn't know the candidates personally, just based on paper that's his recommendation, he would defer to Superintendent Veracka's judgement.

Commissioner Kostka agreed, looking at the applications, with what his fellow members had stated. He said to Superintendent Veracka, what's really important to him, as this person will be working directly for you, is that you

have a relationship and confidence in the candidate to do the job you give them to do. He stated he had no reason to not defer to Superintendent Veracka's opinion. He doesn't have a strong opinion of either candidate. Commissioner Kostka stated both employees have worked for the department awhile and have both done a good job since they've been here.

Superintendent Veracka thanked the Board for their valid points regarding qualifications and work history and he agreed with what the Board has pointed out.

Chairman Loring asked for a motion to recommend Eric Hillstrom to fill the vacancy of the water department foreman to the Board of Selectman for approval.

Commissioner Kostka made the motion to recommend Eric Hillstrom to fill the vacancy of the water department foreman to the Board of Selectman for approval. Vice Chairman Erlandsen seconded the motion and it was voted on unanimously (3-0-0).

Superintendent Veracka thanked the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

WATER CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAST MEETING:

None

BUSINESS OF WATER QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE:

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION:

Commissioner Kostka made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Erlandsen seconded the motion and it was voted on unanimously (3-0-0).

The meeting adjourned at 4:06pm

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Respectfully submitted,

Stacey L. Smith

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