



# Office of Board of Selectmen

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## Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes Friday, January 26, 2024, 9:00 am Belmont Mill, Corner Meeting House Room

Present were Chairman Ruth Mooney, Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Claude "Sonny" Patten, Jr., Selectman Travis O'Hara, Selectman Sharon Ciampi, Assessing Admin Colleen Akerman, Town Planner Karen Santoro, and Town Counsel Attorney Naomi Butterfield.

Chairman Ruth Mooney opened the meeting at 9:10am and turned the meeting over to Town Attorney Naomi Butterfield.

Attorney Butterfield stated there is one agenda item and Mark Ekberg and his representatives will have the opportunity to make a statement to the Board.

### **Meeting with Mark Ekberg – Investigative Findings & Conclusions:**

Attorney David Rayment of Cleveland, Waters & Bass was present with Mark Ekberg. He explained they are here to defend the charges against Mr. Ekberg.

Mr. Ekberg spoke to the items outlined in the Executive Summary of the investigative report.

Attorney Rayment asked what will happen today and Attorney Butterfield replied that the Board of Selectmen will make a decision on how to go forward from here and will let them know.

### **Non-Public:**

*Selectman Jon Pike moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 9:45am; seconded by Selectman Travis O'Hara. Roll Call 1: J. Pike – aye, S. Patten – aye, T. O'Hara – aye, S. Ciampi – aye, R. Mooney – aye. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).*

Those present and voting were Chairman Ruth Mooney and Selectmen Jon Pike, Claude Patten, Jr., Travis O'Hara, and Sharon Ciampi. Also present was Attorney Naomi Butterfield.


The Board had deliberations and made a decision regarding disciplinary action.

*Selectman Pike moved to exit non-public session at 10:51am; seconded by Chairman Mooney. Roll Call 3: S. Patten – aye, S. Ciampi – aye, J. Pike – aye, T. O'Hara – aye, R. Mooney – aye. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).*


Selectman Pike moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session because it could adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board and it could render a proposed action ineffective; seconded by Selectman Patten. Roll Call 4: T. O'Hara – aye, J. Pike – aye, S. Ciampi – aye, S. Patten – aye, R. Mooney – aye. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

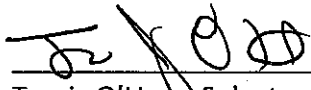
**Adjournment:**

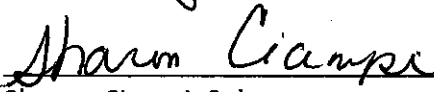
Selectman Pike moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:52am; seconded by Selectman Patten. Roll Call 5: S. Patten – aye, J. Pike – aye, T. O'Hara – aye, S. Ciampi – aye, R. Mooney – aye. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

  
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Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman

  
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Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

  
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Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman

  
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Travis O'Hara, Selectman

  
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Sharon Ciampi, Selectman