

## **MINUTES – SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**Friday, March 22, 2024**

**Remote Via Zoom**

Participants: Lynne E. Fidler; Stephen R. Darcy; Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator  
Absent: James J. Kilcoyne, Chair

Ms. Fidler moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to open the meeting at 10:12a.m. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote called by Town Administrator: Mr. Kilcoyne – absent; Ms. Fidler – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye. Ms. Fidler announced that the meeting is being recorded by Marshfield Community Media. Ms. Fidler invited all in remote attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Fidler gave some details regarding the rules and expectations of the meeting. Ms. Fidler asked Mr. Maresco to give details regarding the options available to the Board for appointing an Acting Fire Chief. Mr. Maresco stated that the options are as follows: appoint one or two of the Deputy Fire Chiefs; appoint a former Fire Chief, for the short term, to manage the Department and work with the Deputy Chiefs; or hire a new Fire Chief. Mr. Maresco stated that the need for the Select Board to decide on a next step is to help stabilize the Fire Department's management immediately upon the Fire Chief Simpson's departure. Mr. Maresco gave some details regarding his meeting with Deputy Chief Corbo and Deputy Chief LaSalva. Mr. Maresco stated that he recommends the Select Board vote to appoint a former Fire Chief to provide seasoned leadership to the Fire Department and to assist the Deputy Chiefs on the day-to-day operations. Mr. Maresco stated that he expects the Acting Fire Chief to help the Chief Deputies to manage the budget and operations and not to be responding to service calls. Mr. Darcy stated that he is grateful that the Fire Department has two Chief Deputies, one to oversee operations and one to oversee finances, to help manage the department. Ms. Fidler requested in the next few weeks the Acting Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs appear before the Board to give an update.

Ms. Fidler moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to appoint William Hocking as the Acting Fire Chief for the Marshfield Fire Department, details to be finalized by the Town Administrator and Town Counsel, effective March 22, 2024. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote called by Town Administrator: Mr. Kilcoyne – absent; Ms. Fidler – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

At 10:21a.m., Ms. Fidler moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote called by Town Administrator: Mr. Kilcoyne – absent; Ms. Fidler – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye. No executive session was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Gillis

*No documents or exhibits were presented at the meeting*