

TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
7/19/2016

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Thomas Demers (T. Demers), Peter Nightingale (P. Nightingale).

Town Administrator: Dan Merhalski (D. Merhalski), Don Butson (D. Butson)

MEETING OPENED: T. Demers opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS:

Appointment of Treasurer:

The Board reviewed the e-mail from Don Butson offering to serve as an interim Treasurer while the Town conducts a search for the replacement Treasurer until Town Meeting. P. Nightingale reviewed the position with D. Butson. D. Butson asked about the liability of the position and whether he would be personally protected from any liability for the duties as Treasurer? D. Merhalski said that the Town's insurance would provide the same liability protection for all members or Boards, but that he was not entirely sure of what level of personal liability a Treasurer position might be held liable for. D. Butson said that he would do the position to help the Town until a permanent replacement can be found. D. Merhalski said that D. Butson was offering to help in a limited capacity as the Town could not pay bills or payroll for its employees without a Treasurer and the current Treasurer had given her resignation, effective last Friday. P. Nightingale discussed the possibility of making the Treasurer position an appointed one or possibly a staff position. Given that the Town has had repeated difficulty with filling and keeping someone in the position. D. Merhalski said that the Board could look into doing that through a warrant article at Town Meeting, but he would have to check with the state and legal counsel for the complete process. T. Demers asked if the position was changed at this year's town meeting, would they still have to elect someone for this year to ensure that the warrant allowed someone to serve in the position? P. Nightingale agreed and said that the process would have to be staggered in the event that the position was not changed so that there could still be an elected position.

A motion to appoint Don Butson as Town Treasurer to fill the remainder of the position until March or until a replacement can be found was made by P. Nightingale, 2nd by T. Demers. Motion approved 2-0.

T. Demers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by P. Nightingale. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Merhalski, Town Administrator