

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2011

Attending:

Mayor, Janet Hughes	Councilor Tom Brann
Councilor, Jean Lawliss	Councilor Kristen Hornbrook
Councilor William Shakespeare	Councilor Shelby Wright

1. By a majority vote of the Town Council at the August 29, 2011 Special Town Council Meeting, the Council decided it was in the best interest of the Town to proceed with hiring a firm to assist the Town Council in solicitation and selection of a new Town Manager, to replace Susan Lessard (after her recent resignation). After review of two proposals from Maine Municipal Association (MMA) and Eaton-Peabody Consulting Group, the Council felt it was necessary to interview the firms. This Special Town Council Meeting of September 12, 2011 was scheduled by Mayor Hughes for purposes of interviewing the two firms and thus expediting the process quickly.
2. Interviews were conducted by both firms. After much deliberation, it was general consensus that both firms equally would provide a good service with the good qualifications and with representatives that would fit well with the Council's needs. The strengths of both firms were discussed in detail, and the Council was generally split on which firm to hire. The Council voted to hire MMA. The vote was conducted by straw poll, with Councilors Brann, Shakespeare and Wright voting for MMA and Mayor Hughes and Councilor Lawlis voting for Eaton-Peabody Consulting Group; Councilor Hornbrook abstained. Councilor Hornbrook felt that the Town should proceed with the Town Manager search without hiring outside assistance and incurring associated costs.
3. Mayor Hughes would contact Sue Lessard and/or the consultants with the results.
4. Councilor Cushing had asked to be excused from the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Janet Hughes
Mayor