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Meeting Date: 6/22/2021

Meeting Location: Remote Meeting via Teams

Minutes Approved: 10/7/2021

Members Present: Allan Kent, Kevin Rudden,

Water Clerk: Dan Byer

Others:

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm via Teams video conference call per the 3/12/20 state COVID-19 Open Meeting Law Amendments.

This meeting was video recorded and is filed under the Select Board meeting recordings.

The joint meeting of the Water Commission and Select Board was called to order at 7:04 with the following in attendance: Kevin Rudden (Water Commissioner), Dan Byer (Water Board Clerk), Mark Reil (Select Board Chair), Mike Merolli (Select Board Member), Lawney Tinio (Select Board Member), Kim Newman (Town Administrator), Laura St, John Dupuis (Select Board Admin), Vincent Roy (Resident), Cindy Amara (Town Counsel)

Kevin reviewed the current situation. There was a tie for the open seat on the water commission at the May annual election. This causes a “failure to elect” and now the 2 boards must jointly appoint someone to serve out the remainder of the term. There will be a new election next year for the 2 years. Mark suggested asking Vincent Roy to introduce himself. Vincent Roy discussed his background. He served in the Navy, was formerly the Upton DPW Director and is currently the Director of the Sudbury Water District. He has been involved in the water industry for many years.

Kevin said the other candidate, Chris Merolli has offered to step back and let Vin be appointed. All agree Vin had the experience and would bring many qualifications to the table. Kevin said he will be a huge asset to the dept.

Kevin made a motion, Lawney seconded to appoint Vincent Roy as the third member of the water commission. Mark Reil, Mike Merolli, Lawney Tinio, Kevin Rudden all voted unanimously in favor.

Kevin also discussed the American Rescue Plan Act funding. One of the qualifying items is “water and sewer infrastructure”. Kevin went over some of the items we have been looking at. Master meters, town hall well, interconnections with Hopedale and Bellingham, and maybe even water and sewer on route 16 in the center of town. Mark agrees we should look into these options more. Kevin said he wanted to bring up the idea now as more info is becoming available on the use of these funds.

The joint meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.