

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
GROTON DUNTABLE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
MINUTES MAY 1, 2017
APPROVED**

BOS Members Present: John G. Petropoulos, Chair; Joshua A. Degen, Vice Chair; Barry A. Pease, Clerk; Anna Eliot, Member; Peter S. Cunningham, Member

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Mr. Petropoulos called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

1. Mr. Haddad said that they had recently adopted, by Town Meeting voted, the section on MGL allowing the Town to send out ballot information to the residents. Mr. Degen asked if the first ballot question was still on there even though it was defeated at Town Meeting. Mr. Haddad said that it was adding that there was always a chance that the article could come back for reconsideration.

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the ballot question informational packet for the May 16, 2017 election. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Haddad said that they had finished the search for a new Town Planner/Land Use Director. He said that the Planning Board had unanimously recommended Takashi Tada for the position adding he planned to bring the appointment to the Board for consideration after Town Meeting. He said that Ms. Collette had agreed to stay on through June 30th adding that Mr. Tada's appointment, if ratified, would take effect on July 1. He said that he wanted to ask for the Board's permission to advertise the Conservation Administrators position now so it allowed them a little extra time to find someone. Mr. Degen said he didn't think they should advertise until they vote on the Land Use Director/Town Planner position. Mr. Petropoulos agreed adding that it implied a default approval. He said they shouldn't advertise a vacancy until one has been created. Mr. Haddad said that he would bring it forward the following week instead of waiting to after Town Meeting. Mr. Degen said he would like to be present for the appointment adding that he wouldn't be at Town Meeting the following week. Mr. Cunningham didn't think getting the word out hurt anything. Mr. Haddad said that they wouldn't interview or contact anyone about their resume until the Board had an opportunity to vote on Mr. Tada's appointment. Mr. Pease said because the request had been made, they should wait until the 15th to discuss this. Mr. Degen said he didn't say he had any issues with the appointment, just that he wanted to be present for the Board's consideration. Mr. Petropoulos said he was hearing they would wait until the 15th to consider the appointment and if ratified, advertise for Mr. Tada's current position at that time.

Mr. Petropoulos adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

Approved: _____
Barry Pease, Clerk

_____ *respectfully submitted,*
Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Date Approved: 5/31/17