

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Select Board
Thursday, September 28, 2023
Remote Online Meeting (Zoom 879 9237 1443)
Called to Order at 3:00 p.m.**

Remotely participating were Board members, Chair Laurie Bent and Thomas Palmer. Also present were Town Manager Leon A. Gaumont, Jr., Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director Lisa Yanakakis, Assistant to the Town Manager, Michelle LeBlanc, Town Clerk candidate, Janet Murphy. Select Board member Christopher Houston was unable to attend this meeting.

Ms. Bent called the remote meeting to order and read the following:

Under current state law public bodies may continue holding hybrid and fully remote meetings, without a quorum of the public body physically present, as long as adequate, alternative access is provided. Information about how to join a hybrid or fully remote hearing will be included in the required Open Meeting Law posting.

Resident Comments: None

Town Manager's recommendation for the Town Clerk:

Mr. Gaumont stated in August 2023 Weston lost its previous Town Clerk, Deborah Davenport, to retirement. He stated that it is imperative to fill the Town Clerk position because the Town of Weston has events coming up that require the attention of a Town Clerk. Mr. Gaumont noted the interview process was thorough for the Town Clerk candidates. He stated that it consisted of interview panels with other town departments to ensure the right fit for the selected candidate. Mr. Gaumont stated that Janet Murphy met the qualifications and appeared to be a good fit for the Town of Weston. Ms. Murphy currently is the City Clerk for Watertown, and she brings a lot of experience of Town Clerk duties in other municipalities.

Ms. Bent asked Ms. Murphy what brought her to Weston. Ms. Murphy said she wanted a change. She stated when she was the Assistant Town Clerk for North Reading, she enjoyed the interactions with residents. She stated she worked for the residents and helped address their needs. When Ms. Murphy was promoted to City Clerk for Watertown, she felt as though she was working for the administration as opposed to residents. Ms. Murphy stated she missed the feeling of working for the residents and would enjoy working for a smaller town. Ms. Murphy stated she likes to get to know the residents she is working for.

MOTION: Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Janet Murphy to the position of Town Clerk, effective October 10th, 2023. 2nd by Ms. Bent.

Roll call vote: Mr. Palmer and Ms. Bent voted in the affirmative. **Approved unanimously.**

MOTION: Mr. Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Ms. Bent.

Roll call vote: Mr. Palmer and Ms. Bent voted in the affirmative. **Approved unanimously.**

Thomas Palmer
Clerk