

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE-EXECUTIVE SESSION
Town Hall Council Chambers
June 6, 2022

Present: Michael Molisse-Chair
Kenneth DiFazio-Councilor
Rebecca Haugh-Councilor
Pascale Burga-Councilor
Christopher Heffernan-Councilor

Not Present: Richard McLeod, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

Executive Session

Councilor DiFazio motioned that the committee go into Executive Session to discuss candidates. Chairman Molisse noted that this is for the purpose of considering applicants for potential interview and qualifies under Exemption 8 of the Executive Session Guidelines which reads as follows:

To consider and interview applicants for employment by a preliminary screening committee appointed by a governmental body if an open meeting will have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants; provided, however, that this clause shall not apply to any meeting, including meetings of a preliminary screening committee appointed by a governmental body, to consider and interview applicants who have passed a prior preliminary screening.

Motion seconded by Councilor Haugh and voted unanimously.

Candidate number 1-Daniel Martini, was brought before the Auditor Selection Committee and introduced. Chair Molisse noted that each member would ask a series of questions:

Councilor DiFazio:

Are you familiar with Municipal Finance Law on Procurement & Contracts?

As Town Auditor, what role do you see yourself in the annual budget process?

Kindly summarize why you think you should be the individual hired as Town Auditor?

You have software experience—are you familiar with our Munis system?

Councilor Burga:

Why are solid internal controls important in government?

Why is an annual physical inventory of town capital assets important? How would you go about accomplishing this?

What do you consider to be your strengths?

Councilor Shanahan:

Please discuss your experience with municipal government and how you would carry over your past/private sector experience.

What would be your goals and objectives if appointed to a three-year term as Weymouth's Town Auditor?

What do you consider to be your weaknesses and how do you handle?

Councilor Heffernan:

How do you feel about being a sole contributor in the audit function since there is no staff to delegate to?

If you uncovered a significant wrongdoing in the town government who would you notify and how? What action would you take and what would you want to happen?

How would you prioritize requests from Councilors (as there are 11) regarding special analyses or projects?

Chair Michael Molisse:

Are you available to work one or two nights per month, attending meetings that can last until 11 PM?

Please discuss your auditing experience.

Do you have a past or current relationship with any member of this Council or town administration which could be considered a conflict of interest? *No*.

May we contact your current employer for a reference, if you are chosen as a finalist?

Candidate left the room and the committee debriefed.

The number 2 candidate (Brian Connolly) was brought before the committee and introduced. Chair Molisse explained that each member would ask a series of questions.

Councilor DiFazio:

Are you familiar with Municipal Finance Law on Procurement & Contracts?

As Town Auditor, what role do you see yourself in the annual budget process?

Kindly summarize why you think you should be the individual hired as Town Auditor?

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Chair Michael Molisse:

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Please discuss your auditing experience.

Do you have a past or current relationship with any member of this Council or town administration which could be considered a conflict of interest? *No.*

May we contact your current employer for a reference, if you are chosen as a finalist?

Candidate number 2 exited the Chambers and the Auditor Selection Committee debriefed.

Chair Molisse reiterated that the job search will be continued, posted/advertised on

With no further business to conduct, Councilor Heffernan motioned for adjournment at 6:47 PM, motion seconded by Councilor Haugh and voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Hachey

Approved by Councilor Michael Molisse, Chair of Auditor Selection Committee