



Town of Thetford Vermont

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Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes Thetford Town Offices (w/Virtual Attendance Option) Tuesday, August 29th, 2023 7:30 PM

Selectboard members present: Sharon Harkay (Chair), David Goodrich (Vice-Chair), Li Shen, Steve Tofel

Others present: Town Manager Brian Story

Participating community members: Cynthia Shelton, Melissa Krzal, Carolyn Hack, Cathy Newbury

1. Candidate's Forum for Open Selectboard Seat Including Public Questions/Comments

Candidates John Picuch and David Forbes made statements on why they wanted to be a part of the Selectboard and noted their experiences and skills that pertain to the Selectboard role. Current Selectboard members and members of the public asked questions of the candidates.

2. Anticipated Executive Session to Discuss Appointment of Selectboard Member to Fill a Vacancy until March 2024 per 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3)

Motion by Sharon Harkay to enter Executive Session at 8:19 PM to Discuss Appointment of Selectboard Member to Complete a Term, until March 2024 per 1 V.S.A. §313 (a)(3). VOTE by roll call: David Goodrich – in favor, Steve Tofel – in favor, Li Shen – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor. **Motion passed.**

Motion by Sharon Harkay to invite the Town Manager into the Executive Session. VOTE by roll call: David Goodrich – in favor, Steve Tofel – in favor, Li Shen – in favor, Sharon Harkay – in favor. **Motion passed.**

The Selectboard reconvened the open session at 9:12 PM and Sharon Harkay said they were not going to take any action as they were unable to come out of a deadlocked position.

The individual Selectboard members will give it thought over the next two weeks and go into executive session at the end of the September 11th meeting and try to break the deadlock.

3. Adjourn

Motion by Steve Tofel to adjourn the special Selectboard meeting at 9:14 PM. VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0). **Motion passed.**