

Town Manager Screening Committee
February 22, 2019
Town Hall, 344 Main Street
Minutes

The meeting was convened at 11:00 AM by Bernard Lynch, of Community Paradigm. Present: members Ben Downing, Krista Haley, John Katz, Anne O'Dwyer, Sean Stanton, Peter Taylor, and Michael Wise. Also present: Sharon Flaherty, of Community Paradigm.

On nomination by Ben Downing and by unanimous vote, Sean Stanton was elected chair and Michael Wise was elected recording secretary.

Lynch reviewed the process so far. The consultants met with community leaders in December and held a community forum before drafting a position profile, which was the basis for posting the opening at the Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association and other outreach. They have received 21 applications, which they consider a good number considering the challenge of getting applicants to consider this geographical area. He proposed trying to narrow these down to 5-7 people to interview on March 6.

On motion by Wise, seconded by O'Dwyer, to enter executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(8) to consider or interview applicants for employment or appointment by a preliminary screening committee for purposes of hearing from consultant regarding summary of search results, reviewing candidate pool and determining candidates to be interviewed; to have the discussion in an open session will be detrimental to the ability of the Town to attract qualified applicants for the position: Downing, Haley, Katz, O'Dwyer, Stanton, Taylor and Wise voted aye; none nay. The Committee went into executive session, not to return to public session, at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'M. Wise', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Wise
Recording Secretary