



Board of Selectmen
Executive Session
October 28, 2019

The meeting was opened in public session at 5:00 pm by Chairman Stone. Selectman Post made the motion to enter into executive session; seconded by Selectman Mark Forest. By a roll call vote of 5-0 voted in favor of entering executive session. In attendance were Chairman Stone; Selectmen Tracy Post; Mark Forest, Erik Tolley, and Norm Holcomb. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Dan Knapik and Interim Assistant Town Administrator Rich Bienvenue.

Selectmen Post and Holcomb reviewed for the Board commentary from the School Committee meeting the previous week, October 21st. Chairman Stone provided his opinion as to whether or not the school committee, if it took action on a proposed amendment to the settlement agreement, could be considered a breach of contract. The school committee meeting scheduled for October 28th at 5:30 was to consider an amendment generated from the town of Dennis. Town Administrator Knapik provided the Board with potential draft amendments that were received by town counsel that were generated by school counsel and shared with Dennis and Yarmouth town counsel. Each member of the Board commented that they were not inclined to support the proposed draft amendment language as they saw that as a breach of the agreement.

Selectman Post made a motion to recess the executive session so that members could attend the school committee meeting with the intent to return to executive session after the close of the school committee meeting; seconded by Selectman Tolley. By a roll call vote of 5-0, recess was called at 5:24 pm.

At 6:45 pm, Selectman Post made a motion to end the recess to come back to executive session; seconded by Selectman Forest.

Selectmen Post, Holcomb and Chairman Stone updated the Board on the commentary from the school committee meeting. All three shared with the Board the public comments they made at the meeting. They also indicated the school committee voted in the majority to not support the proposed amendment. Further discussion centered on the potential for a floor amendment to be made at either town meeting. This discussion centered on whether or not either town's moderators would allow this to occur. Mr. Knapik indicated that town counsel will brief our moderator on this issue in the event this occurs.

The meeting was motioned to adjourn by Selectman Forest; seconded by Selectman Holcomb at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Knapik
Town Administrator