

WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall
7:00 p.m.
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Chairman David Valletta called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken; a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David Valletta, Vice-Chairman Roger Picard, Rachel Wisler, Domenic Angiolillo, Joseph Membrino, Donald Charette, Debbie Golden, and Francis Masi

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Stark

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Thomas G. Dunn, Susan Hale, Municipal Finance Officer, Town Attorney Brian Tynan

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO OVERSEE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Upon **MOTION** by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Roger Picard, it was unanimously voted to **discuss** possible authorization for Mayor to Oversee the Department of Public Works.

At this time, Mayor Dunn came forward. He advised that he has been overseeing the Public Works Department since David Kalinowski retired and felt it was in the best interest of the town to continue to do so for the remainder of this fiscal year. He proceeded to give explanation for same. He previously oversaw the department when Joe Paulo retired from 2004-2005. He noted that policies are already in place and they must make sure that people are disciplined and held accountable. He has knowledge of the department and believes that he is capable of running the operations.

Lengthy debate ensued in regard of the current state of the department. Some members stated that the department is in a state of disarray, while Mayor Dunn disagreed. Details were discussed with respect to the daily operations.

Discussion next focused on whether the Mayor should spread himself that thin. It was agreed that he is already very busy and that he has done a great job as the Mayor for many years now. They need someone full-time down there so that he does not have to worry about what is going on. When all discussion was concluded, the consensus was that the Mayor should oversee the department for only a short time and begin a search for a new administrator from the outside.

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Upon **MOTION** by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Joseph Membrino, it was unanimously voted to **authorize** the Mayor to Oversee the Department of Public Works for a period of 60-90 days with the ability to come back to the Council for an extension if needed. During this time, the Mayor will actively seek qualified candidates for a permanent position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

Upon **MOTION** by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Domenic Angiolillo, it was unanimously voted at 7:36 p.m. to take a five-minute recess and **enter** into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters, inviting Mayor Thomas Dunn and Town Attorney Brian Tynan.

Chairman David Valletta called the Special Meeting back to order at 8:07 p.m.

Upon **MOTION** by Joseph Membrino, seconded by Domenic Angiolillo, it was voted by a majority, to **reject** the contract put forth for the appointment of the Zoning Enforcement Officer's position due to the retirement of David Kalinowski from Town employment, with one opposition from Rachel Wisler (7 Yes, 1 No).

Upon **MOTION** by Roger Picard, seconded by Debbie Golden, it was voted by a majority, for the Town Council Chairman to send a letter to the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the appointment of a new Zoning Enforcement Officer and request that they work with the Mayor's Office as he has sources for qualified individuals, with one opposition from Rachel Wisler (7 Yes, 1 No).

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Roger Picard, seconded by Debbie Golden, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

Beth Gaudiosi
Secretary

David Valletta, Chairman
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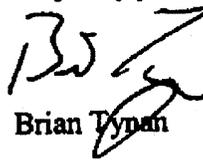
RE: Consulting Zoning Enforcement Officer Contract with the Town of Wolcott

Dear Chairman Valletta and Members of the Wolcott Town Council:

Attached please find a short draft Agreement in order to begin discussions regarding the contract for David Kalinowski as Consulting Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Brian Tynan

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Enclosure

**CONSULTING ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CONTRACT
WITH THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT**

Whereas, the Planning and Zoning Commission has agreed to hire David Kalinowski as a Consulting Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Whereas, David Kalinowski has agreed to act as Consulting Zoning Enforcement Officer answerable to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

This Agreement will memorialize the terms of the Agreement of David Kalinowski.

David Kalinowski shall be paid \$ _____ per hour for a maximum of _____ hours per week. Said payments shall be retroactive to June 2, 2020.

As a Consulting Zoning Enforcement Officer, David Kalinowski will be issued a 1099 and shall not be an employee of the Town of Wolcott but shall be an independent contractor. As an independent contractor, David Kalinowski shall not be entitled to medical benefits.

David Kalinowski
Consulting Zoning Enforcement Officer

Raymond Mahoney
Chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission

David Valletta
Chairman of the Wolcott Town Council

Thomas G. Dunn
Mayor of the Town of Wolcott