

**SELECT BOARD WORKING MEETING MINUTES**  
**7:00pm, June 16, 2022**  
**Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket**

**Attendees**

**Select Board (SB):** William Elovirta (BE), *Chair*; Chris Swindlehurst (CS), *Vice-Chair*; Michael Lavery (ML), *Clerk*

**Staff:** Mark Webber (MW), *Interim Town Administrator*; Beverly Gilbert (BG), *Administrative Assistant*;

**Others:** Mark Karlberg, Katherine Warden, Robert Graves **Via Zoom:** Lei-Anne Ellis, Geri Walter, Vivian Mason

1. **The Chairperson will call the Select Board meeting to order.**  
BE called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Select Board will interview the following candidates for the Town Administrator position**
  - **Robert Graves**
  - **Katherine Warden**Through a series of rotating questions that each member asked, the SB interviewed Robert Graves, and then interviewed Katherine Warden.
3. **Possible discussion and vote on the Select Board's selection of a finalist and announcement of the no**  
ML moved to offer, pending successful contract negotiations, the Town Administrator position to Katherine Warden.  
  
BE moved to offer, pending successful contract negotiations, the Town Administrator position to Robert Graves, CS 2<sup>nd</sup>: ML stated that he thinks Katherine is a better fit for the town based on her interview, and he prefers to offer the position to a Becket resident. During discussion, the SB indicated that they were impressed with both finalists. CS and BE indicated that choosing one over the other is difficult. CS stated that Robert Graves provided more expansive and detailed answers. BE stated that the positive aspects of Robert Graves includes that he obtained Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official designation, and he has more extensive management experience. Motion carried with ML opposed.
4. **Possible Select Board vote to go into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) 2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. The Select Board will specify if the Select Board will return to open meeting.**  
The SB tabled negotiations until 6pm on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
5. **Any Other Business**  
There was no other business at tonight's meeting.

6. **Select Board to adjourn the Meeting**

BE moved to adjourn, CS 2<sup>nd</sup>: Motion carried. BE adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Gilbert, *Administrative Assistant*

**Signed by:**

  
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William H. Elovirta, *Chair*

/ July 6, 2022  
Date Approved

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Gilbert, *Administrative Assistant*