

Minutes of Select Board Meeting
January 9, 2019

Members Present: Tiffany Maiuri, David Leavitt, Philip Hilton, Keith Swett, Tom Saviello and Rhonda Irish (Town Manager)

Also Present: Sheila Adkins, Mary LaFontaine, Judy Pelletier, Trisha Mosher, Bill Crandall, Dee Meneer, Ben Hanstein, Randy Hall, Carl Voelpert, Robert Pond, Sherrill Brann, Terry Brann, Charlie Woodworth, Mark Berry, Dawn Klein, Scott Landry, Ron Aseltine and Lisa Laflin. Phone Conference attendees: Laura Fortin, Ben Tucker, Margaret Reynolds, Diane Jackson and Carlene Shapley

Item #1 Introduction of Select Board and Guests

Mary Lafontaine: Maine Department of Labor – Career Center

Judy Pelletier: Maine Department of Labor – Rapid Response Team

Bill Crandall: Western Maine Community Action

Trisha Mosher: Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Scott Landry: District Representative District 113

Randall Hall: District Representative District 114

Russell Black: State Senator District 17 Terry Brann: County Commissioner

Charlie Woodworth: Greater Franklin Development Corporation

Mark Berry: Building Owner

Diane Jackson: Maine Economic and Community Development

Carlene Shapley: Senator Collins' Office Ben Tucker: Senator King's Office

Margaret Reynolds: Congressman Golden's Office Laura Fortin: Governor's Office

Item #2 Discussion of Community Transition Team for the Purpose of Assisting all Affected Barclay's Employees

Judy Pelletier (MEDOL) explained that the Rapid Response Team will be on site to explain career counseling services, insurance, job fairs and names of interested employers

The Community Transition Team and Western Maine Community Action will be at the Career Center for retraining and information about health insurance options. They will develop workshops after a need survey is done and they know where the greatest need is.

Questions/Comments from the Board and Audience Included:

Tom: We as a Town will take leadership on this and make it happen. We need to make the Town Manager a clearing house so that different groups aren't doing different things.

Has spoken to the President of the Senate (Fred Jackson) and he has assured Tom that if Legislation is needed "we got it"

May want to open the Career Center for five days a week instead of three.

Russell Black: The Barclays Facility has several high-quality employees and a tremendous work force. Is there any effort to keep the unit together and bring in another call center before losing this one? People are working hard to make this happen, it is definitely on the radar.

Diane Jackson: This is a broad reaching group

Tom/Philip m/m/s to have Rhonda Irish serve as a clearing house for all items related to the Barclays' closing; vote: unan

Item #3 Discussion of Any Additional Services for Barclays' Employees

Bill Crandall: What is the best way to help people; we have a lot of services available at Western Maine Community Action

Judy Pelletier: The hope is that they all go back to work

Laura Fortin: We are moving on all fronts to provide services and recruiting

Tiffany: We are a caring and resilient community

Item #4 Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C) Economic Development

Tom/Philip Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C) Economic Development and at the conclusion adjourn; vote: unan

Entered at 6:40 pm Out at 7:29 pm