

Joint Board
of the Towns of
New London, Newbury and Sunapee
February 19, 2020
Newbury Town Office

Members Present: Kim Hallquist (New London Town Administrator); Janet Kidder (New London Selectman); Gary Daniels (Newbury Resident); Dennis Pavlicek (Newbury Town Administrator); Donna Nashawaty (Sunapee Town Manager); Sue Gottling (Sunapee Selectman); Norm Bernaiche (Chief Assessor)

Ms. Hallquist called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Resignation of Chief Assessor Norm Bernaiche

The Board discussed the resignation of Norm Bernaiche, effective February 28, 2020. Members expressed appreciation for Mr. Bernaiche's service to the tri-town assessing program, noting that his leadership and expertise was a big reason for the success of the program over the past 15 years. The Board thanked him and wished him the best of luck in his new job for the Town of Hanover.

Mr. Bernaiche's employment contract calls for a 90-day notice and while he is not providing 90-days, the Board can approve an earlier departure. The managers explained that they spoke with Mr. Bernaiche and that in lieu of giving a 90-day notice, he would agree to be available as a consultant as Sunapee and Newbury work towards their statistical update in the coming months (New London was just completed). The Board agreed that the arrangement would work best for the three towns and agreed to consider Mr. Bernaiche as fulfilling his contract obligations under those circumstances. Mr. Bernaiche will prepare an "exit memo" that will summarize the position of each town upon his departure (tax abatements filed, building permits, etc).

IT WAS MOVED (Donna Nashawaty) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) to discuss the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her.

Roll call vote: Nashawaty: Yes; Daniels: Yes; Gottling: Yes; Kidder: Yes; Hallquist: Yes

The Board entered nonpublic session at 8:45 am.

The Board re-entered the public session at 9:37 am.

IT WAS MOVED (Donna Nashawaty) AND SECONDED (Gary Daniels) to seal the minutes. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 24th at 8:00 am in Newbury.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Pavlicek
Newbury Town Administrator