

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
405 Main Street
Middlefield, Connecticut 06455

Minutes of the December 10, 2021 *Special Meeting*

Call to Order

Bob Yamartino called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Carol Bufithis made a motion, second by Bob Yamartino, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Yamartino began with a moment of silence in honor of Ed Bailey. Bob explained what a well-liked man Ed was and how difficult this time has been since Mr. Bailey's passing. Carol Bufithis said how patient, kind, and supportive Ed was and how deeply saddened she is with his passing. Bob noted how optimistic Ed was about the future both for himself and the town. Ed was so supportive of everyone he came into contact with.

Public Comment

None.

Public Session

Mr. Yamartino introduced Bruno Morasutti our Town Attorney. Attorney Morasutti spoke about our Town Charter and explained the process of appointing a First Selectman. The remaining members of the Board of Selectmen will have 30 days to appoint a replacement and that individual would need to be a registered "unaffiliated" elector because Mr. Bailey was a registered "unaffiliated" elector. Bob stated that interested parties who fit the criteria should

submit their resumes for review and consideration. Carol Bufithis clarified that a registered Republican or Democrat would not have time to change their party affiliation as that process takes 90 days. Bob Yamartino also explained that if he and Carol are unable to fill the vacancy within the 30-day timeframe, a special election would have to take place by State Statute.

Bob offered the floor for any questions or comments.

Many members of the public were present with suggestions, comments, and questions regarding the order of succession, and filling a vacancy in Office of the First Selectman and on the Board of Selectman, in accordance with our Town Charter and State Statute. Attorney Morasutti, Carol Bufithis and Bob Yamartino were able to clarify and explain the process and answer questions as they arose.

Bob and Carol discussed a meeting schedule in order to move forward with the process as discussed.

Carol Bufithis made a motion, second by Bob Yamartino, to approve the resolution to appoint Robert Yamartino Interim Acting First Selectman. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Carol Bufithis made a motion, second by Bob Yamartino, to adjourn the Special meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Hogan

Tonya Hogan
Assistant Town Clerk

Minutes Approved _____

Confirmed by _____