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TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN HALL, SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2005

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Members Present: Joseph J. Klimavich
Beverly A. Lund
James W. Allen

Following the regular session, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. The vote to enter into Executive Session is in the minutes of the Regular Session.

Purpose:

To hold an initial screening and interviews if they are part of the initial screening process) of candidates for employment if an open meeting would have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified candidates.

1. INTERVIEW - GARY BURDICK

Mr. Klimavich asked Mr. Burdick to explain in his own words why he is interested in the position. Questions would follow.

The following are a few of the points that were made:

Mr. Burdick currently does education consulting for military groups and speaks to veteran groups. He has used Veteran benefits himself to get his Master's Degree. He wants to give back knowledge that he's gathered and keep up on the changing benefits. He was a recruiter when he was in the service. He is downsizing his business, is looking for a second source of income and this position would fit in nicely.

He proposed once-a-month office hours and a literature rack in the Town Hall as ways to help promote the benefits package to local veterans. He would like to get the local veterans more involved in the Memorial Day celebration, etc. in Town. He wanted to point out that at Hanscom Air Force Base, there is a medical unit that handles all injured personnel from the East Coast (from the Iraq war). There are probably some local "boys" going through this program. He is computer literate.

The Board thanked Mr. Burdick for coming and assured him that he would hear from them whether or not he was the appointee.

2. **INTERVIEW – BRYAN GRIFFING**

Following the same interview process, Mr. Griffing explained in his own words why he is interested in the position. Questions would follow.

The following are a few of the points that were made:

He is a 14-year veteran of the Marine Corps. He has supported reservists and the community in New Hampshire (the location of his last assignment) and feels that there is a need for this. He has a friend who is the Veteran's Agent in Leominster that he expects to use as a sounding board and mentor should he receive the appointment. He doesn't want to see a veteran or veteran's family go without because they don't know that benefits exist.

He would use Memorial Day and similar events to meet the veterans and spread word of benefits by word of mouth, newspapers, etc. He expects to hold office hours in the Town Hall. He is somewhat aware of Chapter 115. He receives some benefits himself because of his partial disability. He expects to be able to respond to a call for assistance as soon as possible; he is flexible and can go to the veteran, if necessary. He is computer literate and would like to scan the current records into a computer and create a database of information. Would like to run a color guard for parades, etc. He enjoys seeing the older veterans in their uniform and children looking up to them.

He believes that his strengths lie in multi-tasking, is organized, has an out-going personality and enjoys hearing stories from older veterans. He would like to attend meetings, classes to gather information that will help in the position.

The Board thanked Mr. Griffing for coming and assured him that he would hear from them whether or not he was the appointee.

3. **INTERVIEW - JAMES DUPUIS**

Mr. Dupuis explained in his own words why he is interested in the position. Questions followed.

The following are a few of the points that were made:

He wants to gather information to pass along to veterans that are entitled to them. He did several funeral details during his tours of duty and wants to help other veterans as much as possible. He had spent about an hour talking with John Savilonis, the retiring Veterans Agent and learned about the job. Information on-line about veterans' benefits is vague.

He expects to advertise the availability of benefits and hold a booth on the common to pass along information. He is familiar with many aspects of the job and has worked at the VA hospital.

The Board thanked Mr. Dupuis for coming and assured him that he would hear from them whether or not he was the appointee.

After Mr. Dupuis left, the Selectmen had a short discussion following which Ms. Lund moved to appoint Mr. Bryan Griffing; Mr. Allen seconded. Ms. Lund voted aye; Mr. Allen voted aye; Mr. Klimavich voted aye. The Administrative Assistant was instructed to contact Mr. Griffing in the morning and offer the position to him, if he is still interested.

ADJOURNMENT:

Following the interviews Mr. Klimavich entertained a motion to adjourn, Ms. Lund so moved; Mr. Allen seconded. Ms. Lund voted aye; Mr. Allen voted aye; Mr. Klimavich voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Neylon
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved by Board: _____

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