



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Town Council Meeting Minutes

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Chairman Kevin J.
Dombrowski

Special Meeting

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

5:00 PM

Remote Meeting - Video Conference
Via Zoom

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dombrowski called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Dombrowski welcomed all to the Video Conference Meeting. He stated for the members of the Town Council and the Public who were participating via video conference that remote meeting information was available on the Agenda that was posted on the Town's Website - Granicus-Legistar Meeting Portal

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Kevin Dombrowski
Councilor Andra Ingalls
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Councilor Whit Irwin
Councilor Whit Irwin
Councilor John Marshall
Councilor John Marshall
Councilor Mary K. McGrattan
Councilor Mary K. McGrattan
Councilor Gary Paul
Councilor Gary Paul
Councilor S. Naomi Rodriguez
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Councilor Tim Ryan
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Excused: Councilor Bill Saums

III. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

1. MOTION to approve the Mayor's appointment of the Law Firm Shipman and Goodwin, P.C. of Hartford, Connecticut as the Town's Attorney in accordance with Chapter VI. Section 1 of the Town Charter.

Moved by Councilor Ryan, seconded by Councilor McGrattan

Discussion: Mayor Allyn, III, thanked the Town Council for calling tonight's special meeting on short notice. He explained Attorney Paula Anthony, who had replaced Ledyard's previous Attorney Meredith Diette, has left her role at Bercham Moses, P.C. to take a position with a private company. He stated because the Town had several pending legal matters which included Browns Crossing Bridge, Pumpkin Hill Road, and a Labor issue that it was important that they not have a gap in legal representation. He stated Shipman and Goodwin, P.C. has been the town's labor attorney and because they have many attorneys within their organization that he was requesting the Town Council approve his selection of the Law Firm Shipman and Goodwin, P.C. of Hartford, Connecticut, as the Town's Attorney. He went on to note because Shipman and Goodwin was the town's labor attorney that they would provide the town a reduced rate for litigation matters.

Councilor McGrattan questioned whether the Law Firm of Shipman and Goodwin had a physical presence in southeastern Connecticut. Mayor Allyn stated the Firm had officed in Old Lyme, New Haven, and Hartford.

Councilor Ingalls noted that she liked having Meredith Diette as the town's attorney because she was local and easily accessible. She questioned what were the things the town looked for when hiring an attorney for the town. Mayor Allyn stated he agreed with Councilor Ingalls' in that Mrs. Diette took great care of Ledyard. He stated in looking for an Attorney to represent the town that he would look for :

- A Law Firm that was not local because there was a higher probability that they would

not have a conflict of interest with knowing or representing a client in the area.

- A Law Firm that would have multiple professionals with a variety of specialties within the Group (labor, land use, or litigation matters).

Mayor Allyn stated the Law Firm of Shipman and Goodwin had several hundred attorneys that specialize in various areas of law.

Chairman Dombrowski stated in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 1 of the Town Charter, with the approval of the Town Council, the Mayor may appoint Attorneys for the Town.

~~VOTE~~ Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Tim Ryan

SECONDER: Mary K. McGrattan

AYE: 8 Dombrowski, Ingalls, Irwin, Marshall, McGrattan, Paul, Rodriguez, and Ryan

EXCUSED: 1 Saums

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Ingalls moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Rodriguez
VOTE: 8- 0 Approved and so declared. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Transcribed by Roxanne M. Maher
Administrative Assistant to the Town Council

I, Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman of the Ledyard Town Council, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting held on August 3, 2022.

Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman

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