

Town of Plainfield Select Board Special Meeting
February 15, 2024
Via Zoom
Minutes - Approved

Agenda:

- Changes to Agenda
- Announcements
- Appoint Dan Fingas as Town Auditor
- Adjourn

Present: Select Board members Jim Volz (Chair) and Riley Carlson. Also present were Dan Fingas, Charlie Cogbill, and Eric Blaisdell of the Times Argus.

Volz called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Changes to Agenda:

This item was not discussed.

Announcements:

This item was not discussed.

Appoint Dan Fingas as Town Auditor:

Volz stated that someone is on the ballot running for Town Auditor. Carlson clarified that there are currently three open Town Auditor seats. Volz asked Dan Fingas if he would be able to begin auditor work right away after his appointment. Fingas stated he would and expressed his interest in serving in the position until the next Town Meeting. Volz explained that if Fingas wanted to continue in the role after the election he could be elected on a write-in campaign or seek re-appointment following the election as it's currently too late to petition to be on the ballot. Fingas provided some information regarding his background in working in finance on several non-profit boards he's served on. He stated that he is neither a bookkeeper nor an accountant but has an interest in helping the Town move forward with Town Meeting. He stated that he has reviewed the Town's Annual Reports in the years he's lived in town since 2021. Volz stated that Fingas will need to assure the accuracy of the Town's financial report and sign off on it so that the Annual Report can be issued and Town Meeting scheduled. Carlson added that in the past auditor Lorraine Cappetta had reviewed all the numbers in the Town Report. Carlson encouraged Fingas to reach out to the Town Clerk's Office and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to learn more about what the auditor position would entail. Volz added that the Secretary of State's Office would also be a good resource for Fingas. Fingas stated he could

begin work as early as next week starting with meeting the Town Clerk Robin Miller. Carlson expressed appreciation to Fingas for stepping forward to take on the role of Town Auditor.

Carlson moved to appoint Dan Fingas to be Town Auditor for Plainfield. The motion carried with Volz and Carlson voting in favor.

Volz instructed Fingas to stop by the Town Clerk's Office to complete his Oath of Office. Carlson encouraged Fingas to contact the Select Board if he has any questions. Fingas asked that an electronic copy of the prior year's Annual Report be emailed to him. Carlson stated he would provide this.

Adjourn:

Carlson moved to adjourn at 6:10 pm. The motion carried with Volz and Carlson voting in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristin Brosky, Plainfield Town Administrative Assistant.