

**Minutes of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen Meeting
6:00 P.M. Executive Session – Hearing
Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Waterboro Town Hall
Special Meeting for Voting Following Executive Session**

1. Executive Session - Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(a) – Personnel matter
The Selectmen will consider whether or not to remove a member of the Planning Board for cause.

Dwayne Woodsome made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

Gordon Littlefield seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Dwayne Woodsome made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

Dave Chauvette seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

2. The Selectmen may go into a possible Regular Meeting to vote after the Executive Session.

Dwayne Woodsome made a motion to go into a Special Public Session at 7:52 p.m.

Dave Chauvette seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Attendance: Dennis Abbott, Gordon Littlefield, Dwayne Woodsome, Dave Chauvette, Dana Brown, Gary Lamb, Dave Lowe, Natalie Burns, and Laura Lowe

Gordon Littlefield made a motion to add to the Agenda the vote on removal for cause of a member of the Planning Board.

Dana Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 -0.

Natalie Burns, legal counsel for the Town of Waterboro, offered the following points as a possible motion:

I move that (1) we remove Dwayne Prescott as a member of the Planning Board because his continued service is not in the best interests of the Town; specifically:

a. his communications with staff undermine the integrity of the process and the public’s faith that business is being conducted fairly and in compliance with State law; it also has a negative impact on the staff and their work environment;

b. his refusal to communicate as to his availability to attend meetings creates uncertainty about whether there will be the required quorum, often up to the start of the actual meeting;

c. the Select Board has previously met with Mr. Prescott about its concerns and he has failed to address those concerns; and

(2) we declare a vacancy on the Planning Board, which vacancy the Board of Selectmen will fill at a later date.

Dave Chauvette moved these points as a motion. Dana Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

A Second motion was made by Dwayne Woodsome as follows:

I move to authorize the Chair of the Board of Selectmen to send a letter on the Board's behalf summarizing the results of tonight's hearing to Dwayne Prescott and thanking him for his service to the Town of Waterboro.

Dana Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

3. Adjourn

Dwayne Woodsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Dana Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.