



**Fairhaven Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2022**

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**Present:** Chairman Robert Espindola, Vice-Chairwoman Stasia Powers, Clerk Keith Silvia and Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves and Administrative Assistant Vicki Oliveira

**Also present:** Mary Aicardi and Angie Lopes Ellison

The meeting was videotaped by Cable Access and Zoom meeting application.

Chairman Robert Espindola opened the meeting at 6:31 pm in the Town Hall Banquet Room and announced the Board will be entering into executive session.

**Discussion of Questions, Logistics and Process for Interviews**

Ms. Aicardi consolidated the questions previously sent to the Collins Center from the Select Board members and reviewed them with the Board to determine the ones that will be asked in the interview.

The Board reviewed the questions with Ms. Aicardi and made some suggestions and edits.

*At 7:00 pm the Board took a 20-minute recess while the Ms. Aicardi updated the edits to the questions*

**Interview of Town Administrator Finalist: Angie Lopes Ellison**

Ms. Aicardi introduced Angie Lopes Ellison to the Board and asked the interview questions on behalf of the Select Board.

Ms. Ellison has over 10 years' experience in municipal government, 17 years in higher education management and currently is the City Administrator for the city of North Adams, MA.

Ms. Ellison said she has family in the area and understands the community. She told the Board Fairhaven "feels like home." Ms. Ellison holds a Masters Certificate in Local Government Leadership & Management from Suffolk University, a Master of Arts in American Studies from the University of Massachusetts and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Southern Massachusetts University as well as a working knowledge of 5 languages.

Upon completion of the interview, Ms. Ellison left the room so the Board could discuss their thoughts on the interview and deliberate a decision.

Ms. Powers made a motion to appoint Ms. Angie Lopes Ellison to be the next Town Administrator subject to negotiations. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Ms. Ellison and Ms. Aicardi returned to the Banquet room and thanked the Board. She said she would be able to start her new position in late March.

At 9:01 pm Ms. Powers made a motion to enter into executive session to conduct negotiations with non-union personnel pursuant to MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (2): Town Administrator and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Roll Call vote: Ms. Powers in favor, Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Espindola in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Vicki L. Oliveira  
Administrative Assistant  
(Approved 02/28/2022)