

## **Standing Building Committee Selection Committee**

Zoom Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 9, 2023

### **SBC Selection Committee Members**

Sam Liao - Chair -present	Prisnel Dominique	Emily Smith-Lee present
Patricia-Lee Achorn -present	Pasqualino Pannone- present	Anja Bernier-present

### **SBC Selection Committee Attendees and Others**

Matt Baldassari -present	Alan Westman -present	Gordon Gladstone –present
Mike B. Martin -present	Gail Schustek -present	

Mr. Gladstone read from the script from Town Administrators Office regarding the remote meeting. The meeting opened at 7:02 PM. One exception to roll call vote is minutes from tonight will be circulated to the members for approval, and once all members have approved the minutes, they will be considered approved and be posted.

Mr. Liao, appointed Chair by Town Moderator, called meeting to order.

SBCSC members introduced themselves to the candidates.

Chair reviewed charge and responsibilities of the Selection Committee (SBCSC) and noted that it is an appointing committee.

Mr. Gladstone, SSBC Chair, provided review of responsibilities and presented projects being overseen by the SSBC and future projects: SHS project ongoing, library project in court with summary judgement court date set for February 13, 2023; School Committee tasked with master plan for three elementary schools; DPW seeking Historical Commission approval and CPC approval for rehabilitation of historic Water Dept. office space; DPW seeking funds for building and equipment to process and cleanse PFAS in wells.

One one-year term available on SSBC.

Ms. Smith-Lee joined the meeting at 7:23 PM and introduced herself.

Self-presentations and Q&A by the nominees for appointment to the Standing Building Committee commenced.

Candidates are Matthew Baldassari, Michael Martin, and Alan Westman. Each provided a brief summary of their qualifications.

Candidates commented on state funding experience, specialty trades experience, upcoming projects of interest, experience filing sub bids and pre-qualification, and town goal of becoming carbon neutral.

Mr. Liao thanked all the candidates for applying to this position and encouraged them to apply again next year if not selected.

Member noted Mr. Martin brings a very different background and she has a bias in his favor. She also said committee has been together for a long time and she would like to see them mentoring some people to come in to the committee.

Member asked Mr. Gladstone is there anyone among the three who would particularly fill a gap on the committee? Mr. Gladstone shared the composition of the current committee.

A current SSBC member had mentioned to Mr. Gladstone that if viable candidate is available that member may choose to retire. Member expressed that the information complicated his decision and would like to defer vote until it is clarified how many votes are available. Discussion about whether charge for tonight is to fill a vacancy and/or better to wait to vote once it's clear whether a second seat is available. Mr. Liao guessed we wouldn't have to interview everyone again, but he would need to ask town counsel if they can consider the candidates who came forward only. Mr. Liao felt it would be highly inappropriate to contact the person now.

**MOTION:** Ms. Achorn moved to vote on one vacancy and fill that vacancy as of this meeting. Ms. Bernier seconded. Approved 4-1-0

**MOTION:** Ms. Achorn moved to select Mike Martin to fill the one-year term currently available. Ms. Bernier seconded. Approved 4-0-1.

Several members noted no objection to any of the three candidates, a difficult decision for committee to select one.

Mr. Martin new member of the SSBC. Mr. Westman and Mr. Baldassari encouraged to remain as applicants for position that might be available in a few weeks. Mr. Liao will find out if they even need to interview or not. It's possible another candidate may come forward.

Discuss of a need/date time for the next meeting. Need to discuss change in bylaw for this committee.

Mr. Pannone objected because vote could have been delayed and Mr. Liao noted such.

Mr. Pannone left the meeting 9:02 PM.

Pat Achorn lost internet connection but was able to reconnect by phone. Quorum available.

Mr. Liao deferred all discussion of bylaw agenda item to the next meeting.

**MOTION:** Ms. Smith-Lee moved to approve the minutes from January 26, 2023 meeting. Ms. Achorn seconded. Approved 3-0-1 (Bernier was not present at 1/26 meeting).

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting ended at 9:11 pm.