

**HOPE VALLEY/WYOMING FIRE DISTRICT
996 MAIN STREET
HOPE VALLEY, RI 02832**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

**JUNE 22, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

Those present: Board Members: Chairman, David Holt, Vice-Chairman, Pasquale DeBernardo, Elwood Johnson, Georgia Ure, Paul Schaarschmidt; District Clerk, Julie Kelley

Those not present: Chief Fred Stanley; Treasurer, Deborah Nicotra; Tax Collector, Susan Bok

The meeting commenced and was called to order by Chairman, David Holt at 6:05 p.m. with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

This Special Board Meeting was held to conduct interviews with all candidates applying for the position of District Chief of the Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District. The meeting was to interview four (4) candidates for the District Chief's position. As of Friday, June 19, 2015, written notification was received from one of the candidates requesting their name be withdrawn as a candidate.

The meeting convened into Executive Session in accordance to RI General Laws §42-46-5 (a)(1) to discuss the candidate's Professional experience, character, or physical or mental health in executive session. Each of the candidates received a letter from the District Clerk informing them that the meeting was to convene in Executive Session unless they wished to have the meeting convene in open session. No response was received from any of the candidates; therefore, the meeting was closed and convened in executive session.

First Appointment, Applicant One, scheduled for 6:15 p.m.

Second Appointment, Applicant Two, scheduled for 6:45 p.m.

Third Appointment, Applicant Three, scheduled for 7:15 p.m.

Mr. DeBernardo motioned to close the Executive Session in accordance with RI General Laws §42-46-5 (a)(1) and go into Open Session and Ms. Ure seconded the motion. While in Executive Session no votes were taken. The minutes will remain sealed until further notice. The Executive Session closed at 7:28 p.m. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Holt-yes; Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Schaarschmidt-yes

While in Executive Session in accordance with RI General Laws §42-46-5 (a)(1) the board motioned to approve a nomination to appoint Mr. Justin W. Lee as the District Chief of the Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District. In Open Session the board was polled as to their votes: Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Schaarschmidt-yes; Mr. Holt-yes, with no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Holt-yes; Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Schaarschmidt-yes

Everyone in attendance congratulated the new District Chief of the Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District, Mr. Justin W. Lee.

The board felt he was very qualified and felt he would serve the district well. He will be installed during the 33rd Annual Meeting to be held on July 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. by Mr. DeBernardo and seconded by Mr. Johnson. With no further discussion, all in favor, all aye, motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Holt-yes; Mr. DeBernardo-yes; Ms. Ure-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Schaarschmidt-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kelley
District Clerk