

Meeting Minutes  
Finance Committee Appointing Authority  
August 9, 2022  
Select Board Meeting Room – Bedford Town Hall

In attendance:

Finance Committee Appointing Authority: Mark Siegenthaler, Emily Mitchell, and Steven Carluccio.

Town Manager's Office: Charlie Ticotsky

Public: Anna Nam Wong, Alison O'Connell, Doug Horton, Paul Mortenson, Robin Steele, Steve Steele, Dan Carroll, Melissa Indelicato, Meredith Wasko, Katie Guerino, Karen Dunn, Julie Turner, Ben Thomas, Ronald O'Brien, Bedford TV staff

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

Mr. Carluccio moved to approve the minutes from June 23, 2022. Ms. Mitchell seconded. **The motion passed 3-0-0.**

The appointing authority interviewed Anna Nam Wong, Ronald O'Brien, and Douglas Horton

Questions asked of all of the applicants included:

- Tell us about yourself and why are you interested in Finance Committee
- What is your understanding of the role of the Finance Committee and its relationship to other committees and staff in local government?
- What is your understanding of the difference between corporate and municipal finance?
- If you could change one thing about Bedford, what would it be?

The appointing authority began its discussion of the candidates. At the beginning of the discussion, Mr. Siegenthaler expressed his concern about a letter to the editor that Mr. Carluccio sent to the *Bedford Citizen* which criticized the Finance Committee Appointing Authority, particular the use of the word "mob". Mr. Carluccio responded that he was moved to write the letter due to the *Citizen* article, and comments section, about the previous meeting. A discussion ensued about the nature of the discussions at the previous meetings of the appointing authority. Mr. Siegenthaler noted that very few towns appoint Finance Committees by committee, and in Bedford, the Finance Committee chair is in a position to re-appoint themselves.

The appointing authority members discussed their assessments of the pending candidates.

Mr. Carluccio moved to appoint Ronald O'Brien and Abbie Seibert. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded. **The motion passed 3-0-0.**

Ms. Mitchell moved that Abbie Seibert's appointment run through June 30, 2025, and Ronald O'Brien's appointment run through June 30, 2024. Mr. Carluccio seconded. **The motion passed 3-0-0.**

Ms. Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carluccio seconded. **The motion passed 3-0-0** and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.