

Starksboro Selectboard Special Meeting  
Minutes of 5/11/23  
Unapproved

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Board members present: Koran Cousino, Carin McCarthy, John Painter, Nancy Boss, Eric Cota  
Others present: Rebecca Elder

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Koran Cousino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### Finance and Treasurer position update

**Motion:** Eric Cota made a motion to accept the resignation of Julie Bessette as Town Treasurer with regret. Carin McCarthy seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Resignation letter offered final date of July 15. The board will request conversation with Julie at future meeting to talk about the audit and priorities before her departure.

Discussion about whether to consider a bookkeeping or accounting service and payroll service instead of a staff position. It could provide continuity and reduce stress in the office due to staff turnover. Payroll and A/P would still require coordination from a staff member. The board may also consider a shared position with another town to enable a full-time position (combined) and may be more attractive to qualified candidates.

While researching the above option, the board also will advertise the position as presented last fall. Ads will appear in the Addison Independent, Linked In, and other online job boards. Koran will notify Robert Turner. Discussion to be continued at the next regular meeting.

#### Executive Session

**Motion:** Eric Cota moved to enter executive session at 5:35 p.m. per 1 VSA S313a3 personnel and/or contract negotiations with Rebecca Elder present. Carin McCarthy second. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion** to exit executive session at 5:50 p.m.: John Painter moved, Nancy Boss second. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion to adjourn at 5:51 p.m.:** John Painter moved, Eric Cota seconded.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Elder  
Town Administrator