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# Select Board Meeting Minutes 2/13/19

## Select Board Minutes of the meeting of 2/13/19

**Meeting Opened at:** 9am

**Select Board Members Present:** Carol Edelman, Chairperson, Kenneth Basler and Donald Coburn

**Also in attendance:** BJ Johnson, Peter Chait, Mary McGurn, Pam Johnson, Adam Chait, Stephen Moore

Miscellaneous Items Reviewed:

- A motion was made to appoint Gary Shaw as an Assessor to fill a vacancy until the May election. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- The Board discussed town counsel's opinion that the Board could not enter into executive session to enter into negotiations with a private contractor. It was decided to call the Attorney General for an opinion; they were not available, and it was agreed that Don would call the AG another day to ask about this and to ask whether it would be a violation of the open public meetings law for one SB member to negotiate with the other members present as silent observers.
- The Board began discussions on the Broadband Committee's recommendation to accept Fiber Connect's proposal to provide broadband to the town. Kenn suggested that the Select Board engage with Fiber Connect to answer any questions they might have and then formulate a plan to move forward with MBI. Discussion ensued and Adam Chait answered questions about his proposal. Meetings will need to be scheduled with MBI to outline the parameters for payment from the grant. Adam was asked to provide a financial proposal, which he agreed to do by the end of the week. In the meantime Kenn will reach out to Peter Larkin of MBI to set up a meeting with the Board. A motion was made to move forward with negotiations with Fiber Connect. The motion was not seconded. Don said, "We don't need to make a motion, we are already doing it."
- M. Noe presented quotes from our insurer to add flood and earthquake insurance and to increase our public official liability coverage. The Board requested more information on the flood insurance, specifically what properties might be (if any) in zones A or V which would not be covered. As for the public officials liability policy it was agreed to raise the coverage from \$50k to \$100k.
- M. Noe asked the Board for advice and/or instruction on how to deal with the large number of emails she has been receiving from Don Coburn that continue to be of a negative and accusatory nature and that they are affecting her ability to do town business. Carol stated she has seen the emails herself and suggested that Don keep his emails professional and limit them to strictly town business. Don said they were limited to town business.

**A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at:** 10:45am

Submitted by:

Melissa Noe, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Monterey Select Board

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