



# SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 07, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Council Chambers – 340 Ocean Drive and YouTube

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**PRESENT:** PEGGY WHEELER, MAYOR  
DD HALPERN, VICE MAYOR  
MARIANNE HOSTA, VICE MAYOR PRO TEM  
DIANA DAVIS, COUNCILMEMBER  
JOHN CALLAGHAN, COUNCILMEMBER

**ALSO PRESENT:** FRANK M. DAVILA, INTERIM TOWN MANAGER  
LEONARD RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY  
CAITLIN E. COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ, TOWN CLERK  
COLIN BAENZIGER & ASSOCIATES (*Via Zoom*)

**AUDIENCE:** 15

**CALL TO ORDER – 3:00PM**

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA - None**

**COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, THE TOWN ATTORNEY, AND STAFF - None**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*All Non-Agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to speak is asked to complete a comment card with their name and address prior to the start of the meeting as well as state their name and address for the record when called upon to speak (prior to addressing the Town Council). Town Council will not discuss these items at this time.*

*Public Comments Opened at 3:01pm.*

*Public Comments Closed at 3:01pm.*

**COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Selection of Town Manager

*Mayor Wheeler, Vice Mayor Halpern, Councilmember Davis, and Councilmember Callaghan gave consensus to proceed with the ballot method proposed by the consultant.*

Council discussed and conducted straw preference polls for the selection of the Town Manager (*see attached ballots & tabulation*) and unanimously selected Robert Cole.

***MOTION:*** Halpern/Davis made a motion to have Town Attorney Rubin to proceed with contract negotiations with Town Manager prospect Robert Cole.

***ACTION:*** The motion passed unanimously.

***MOTION:*** Callaghan/Wheeler made a motion to revert to the old method of selecting Planning & Zoning Board members (with each Councilmember nominating a candidate subject to approval by the Council) from the submitted applications.

Mayor Wheeler passed the gavel and seconded the motion.

***ACTION:*** The motion passed 3-2 with Vice Mayor Halpern and Councilmember Davis opposed.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 3:54pm.

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Peggy Wheeler, Mayor

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Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk