

December 28, 2009
Special Meeting

The special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mrs. Unhoch, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Ricciardo, Mayor Elvidge and Mrs. Le Frois was present via telephone.

Mayor Elvidge made the following declaration that “in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this public meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 21, 2009.”

The governing body first interviewed James P. Sloan, Esq. for the position of Public Defender for the Town of Newton.

Mr. Sloan introduced himself and advised Council of his background and interest in serving as Municipal Public Defender. Mr. Sloan feels that his extensive background and familiarity with the Town of Newton qualified him as a competitive candidate. The governing body had several questions which were addressed by Mr. Sloan.

The Town Council then interviewed John Cesaro, Esq. Mr. Cesaro outlined his background and interest in serving as Municipal Public Defender. Mr. Cesaro stated he believes that everyone has a constitutional right to due process by a competent attorney. The governing body had several questions which were addressed by Mr. Cesaro.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the governing body was to appoint Mr. James Sloan, Esq. as Municipal Public Defender for 2010.

A formal resolution authorizing the appointment of James Sloan, Esq. will be a part of the regular Council meeting immediately following this meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, upon motion of Mrs. Unhoch, seconded by Mrs. Becker and carried, the Council adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene M. O'Connor
Deputy Municipal Clerk