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## *Special Meeting of Blue Hills Fire Commission*

*Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020*

*Where: 1021 Blue Hills Fire Department*

*Time: 6:00pm*

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene at 6:00pm.

### Roll Call:

Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai, Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene and Commissioner Mark Manson.

### District Members Present:

Errol Bartley, Barbara Taylor, Nelson K. Carter, Sr., Samuel Benn, Nyagis Beryth, Milton Samuel, Robert Shuler, Ted McGhie, Prince Rome, Sheray McDonald, Jevonie Welcome, Nailah Gallup, Michele Adams, Willie Jones, Steve Goode, Roman Apellaniz and Attorney Landolini.

Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that we are here to talk about the Public Hearing, Budget Meeting and Elections for Commissioner. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene asked Clerk Banks if she had the minutes from the March 4<sup>th</sup> Commissioner's Meeting, Clerk Banks stated that those minutes are not ready. Commissioner Massey-Greene stated to Attorney Carl Landolina that Commissioner Ariel Marzouca Jaunai had a meeting, put it in the paper and chose when to have the hearing and the budget meeting without Commissioner Manson and herself. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene also stated that it was not voted on at all and that's what we're here for. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene also stated to Attorney Carl Landolina that she and him had already set dates and everything. Attorney Carl Landolina stated that dates for the Annual Meeting are usually fixed with the date and time and placed in the paper. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that when she spoke with Attorney Carl Landolina, they had set up the dates that was good for him on his calendar and the date for the Public Hearing, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Budget Meeting, the 13<sup>th</sup>, Board of Commissioners the 20<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene asked Attorney Carl Landolina did he remember, and Attorney Carl Landolina stated yes, Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene gave him dates and asked him if he was going to be around on those dates and stated that those are the dates that she's going with. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated to Attorney Carl Landolina that last year, didn't know if he remembered, but we had a meeting and she has a copy of the minutes and stated that Attorney Carl Landolina have been coming to the Commissioner's Annual Voting Meetings for years now and what's been happening is that people had to sit and wait for the Budget Meeting because we were having them all in one, so that caused a big confusing so you (Attorney Landolina) suggested splitting them up and having a fixed date, so we have a Resolution that you (Attorney Landolina) suggested that we do. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai also stated that on March 13, 2019 we had a Special Meeting, all 3 Commissioners were there when we came up with the date of April 1<sup>st</sup> and when we had the election for the Commissioners, all 3 Commissioners voted for that. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that she emailed Attorney Carl Landolina the next morning stating that all Commissioners approved this and Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that Attorney Carl Landolina gave her the wording and he stated that now we (the Commissioners)

have to go to the district, because the District must approve it (Attorney Landolina stated to Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai that she was right) and that the district needs to know that every single year it will be on this date. Attorney Carl Landolina also stated that he recalled having the conversation on having a fixed date so that there's no confusion. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai also stated that Attorney Carl Landolina gave her the verbiage and she posted it in the paper the time frame that Attorney Carl Landolina gave her and when we came to the district meeting that year we voted along with over 100 District Citizens that every single year that the date will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in April, thereafter, the Commissioners Election will be on that day and we also voted that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of May will be the District Budget Meeting and that was passed Unanimously. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai also stated that she never had a meeting by herself about fixing the dates, this is what we have on file. Attorney Carl Landolina stated that he recalls having those conversations. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that those are 2019 dates and Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that we have the paperwork. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai should have called her and Commissioner Mark Manson to say that, so they knew nothing and that they found out at the meeting and they voted "no" and they're not doing that. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene cannot overrule a Resolution. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene also stated that the dates she gave Attorney Carl Landolina are the dates that she's going with and that she is overriding what Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai said. Again, Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated to Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene that she cannot override a Resolution, it cannot happen. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene asked, do you have the Resolution? Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai asked Clerk Banks for a copy of the Resolution and again stated to Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene that she cannot override a Resolution because the district knows when to come in. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated to Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene that she missed the deadline to file her application to run and Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated to Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai that she should have been reminded as when to file. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated to Commissioner Massey-Greene that it's not her job to remind her as she's the Chair and she needs to know the rules of the district. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that she's not going to have it and Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that as the Chair Massey-Greene cannot just make-up her own rules. Clerk Banks read the minutes from the Commissioner's Special Meeting that was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6pm stating that Vice Chair Massey-Greene made a motion to pass the Resolution of fixing the dates of the Annual District Meeting to be held on the First Wednesday of April and the Annual District Budget Meeting to be held on the Third Wednesday of May. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manson. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that she didn't know if the Clerk just typed this it up for the meeting and Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that the Resolution is from 2019. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that every year there's a new date and time and it's always been in May. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that you cannot have a Resolution for just one year, that's why the Resolution says "thereafter". Attorney Carl Landolina read the Resolution and stated that everything seems to be in order and Commissioner Massey-Greene stated that Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai made up those dates. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that Attorney Landolina

gave her the verbiage and stated to Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene that she maybe the "Chair", but she needs to know what's going on. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene once again stated Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai should have told her about the date to file her application and Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that Commissioner Massey-Greene filed late and that it's a done deal and she's out. Attorney Carl Landolina asked if all this legal information is in the paper, Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated absolutely and that the Clerk is doing a great job. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai asked the citizens if they had anything to say about the Resolution. Barbara Taylor stated to Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene that if she considers herself as the Chairperson of the District, she supposed to know exactly what's going on in the Fire Department as well as when legal notices and other important dates are supposed to be and no one should have to tell her anything as she supposed to know exactly what's supposed to be done. Barbara Taylor also stated to Jacqueline Massey-Greene that she should know what she's voting on and for because everything is documented in the meeting minutes. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that she thinks that she did what she needed to do by putting the dates together with the Attorney and stated that she's not going on last year dates and the meeting will be in May and Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated to Attorney Carl Landolina that date have always been in May, and said that we did it in April last year, because that's the date that Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai wanted. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that she and Commissioner Mark Manson agreed to the May date. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai pointed out the word "Thereafter" meaning from that date forward and that Commissioner Massey-Greene and Commissioner Manson vote on the Resolution. Commissioner Marzouca-Jaunai stated to Massey-Greene, what is Commissioner Manson going to say; that he never voted for it. Commissioner Mark Manson stated that he did vote for the Resolution. Ramon Apellaniz asked Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene is she trying to change the Resolution, Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated "yes", and Ramon Apellaniz stated that this is an Ordinance, which it states here and that you just can't change it. Attorney Carl Landolina stated that at the Annual Meeting the Resolution was adopted by the district, therefore it is as such and Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that there are no bylaws for this to happen. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that the District Ordinance and the Bylaws are two different things. Roman Apellaniz also stated that the District Ordinance and Bylaws are two different things and that if the District voted on the Ordinance, it cannot just be changed. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that the District Citizens knows that the date is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that she will take this to court. Errol Bartley stated that the Resolution was taken to the Citizens, who voted for it on March 13, 2019 and that Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene made the motion. Barbara Taylor read the attached minutes from Wednesday, March 13, 2019 and after reading of the minutes, Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai asked if anyone else wanted to speak. Nelson Carter, Sr., asked Attorney Carl Landolina if this Ordinance was an Official Document, Attorney Carl Landolina stated that it appears to be, yes and he also asked who's running for re-election? Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated that she was and Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that she's not, because her application was late, and Massey-Greene stated that she's up for re-election and she's going to run. Attorney Carl Landolina asked if there were any candidates and Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai asked Clerk Banks to announce the two candidates that came in with their application. Attorney

Carl Landolina stated that he didn't need to know the names, just need to know if they file before March 1st. Clerk Banks stated that yes, both candidates were in compliance and they both filed their application way before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ramon Appellaniz asked Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene when she filed her application. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene stated last week, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Ramon Appellaniz stated that other people knew the dates and he as well remember seeing the dates in the courant paper and as Chair, of all people, you Massey-Greene should know the dates. Ramone Appellanzi also stated that it's not fair to others if the rules are broken. Attorney Carl Landolina asked when the article was put in the paper. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that the article was put in the Hartford Courant Legal Notices on February 10, 2020. Ramon Appellaniz stated to Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene that as of right now, she's not eligible to run. Attorney Carl Landolina stated that we can have a write-in name and Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated no, and asked Attorney Carl Landolina to read the Ordinance as it states that no write-in candidates. Ramon Appellaniz stated that right now due to the Ordinance, Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene is not eligible, so she will have to run next year and that's the process. Commissioner Massey-Greene state, well she's going to take this to court. Ramon Appellaniz asked Commissioner Massey-Greene, what about the people that follow the rules, Commissioner Massey-Greene stated, well she's sorry. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that the election will be April 1, 2020 when it's supposed to be. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai asked Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene if there were anything else to discuss. Commissioner Jacqueline Massey-Greene asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai. Motion seconded by Commissioner Mark Mansion. The motion carried unanimously by voice votes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Banks  
District Clerk/Treasurer