

**FIRST PARISH BROOKLINE
PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2014**

PC Members Present: Ann Congleton, Steve Davis, Ann Dinsmoor, Elena Garofoli, and Ann Gilmore

Participating by telephone – Stacey Raczek and Corey Thomas

Proxy affirmations sent in advance – Sue Andrews and Greg Buckland

This special, time sensitive, PC meeting was called after hearing from the Second Minister Search Committee last night that they had carefully considered Rev. Maria Cristina for the position of assistant minister, using all the criteria developed and applied to 17 previous candidates during last year's search process. Their unanimous and enthusiastic recommendation, with the full support of Rev. Jim, is for us to approve her as our assistant minister.

Having a quorum of five members present at the meeting, along with two additional members participating by phone, we had a brief discussion. Steve then called for a vote, using our fist to five voting method, five fingers representing enthusiastic support. As everyone joyfully waved five fingers in the air, we then "high-fived" all around. Stacey and Corey chimed in over the phone with their enthusiastic support. Sue and Greg, who were not able to participate in person or by phone, had emailed their affirmations earlier in the day. With unanimity and with great joy, we **APPROVED** the SMSC's recommendation to hire Rev. Maria Cristina as our assistant minister.

Rev. Jim then joined our meeting, coming directly from a previously scheduled meeting. We discussed a start date of Dec. 1st. Rev. Jim will draft an offer letter and circulate it for our feedback before giving it to Rev. Maria Cristina.

We will share this wonderful news with the congregation at the worship service on November 16th. Having served on both the SMSC and the PC, Ann G will draft a letter to the congregation detailing the search process and its successful conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Gilmore, Clerk