

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MEMBER'S PRESENT: Board Members Joe Lovejoy, David Canada and Bruno Federico and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

At 7:35 Chairman Canada reopened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Canada noted that the Board had been in non-public session beginning at 6:30 PM to discuss a personnel issue and came out at 7:30 PM. The Board voted to seal the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$11,414,543.58.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Chief John Scippa stated that he was proud to introduce the newest member of the department, Corey Winn. Chief Scippa went over Mr. Winn's background and then did his swearing in.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Matt Larrabee noted that they had responded to 648 calls so far this year. He continued that they were proposing to spend \$1200.00 for 6 new CPR training mannequins.

Mr. Federico moved to approve to appropriate \$1200 for 6 new mannequins. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Larrabee discussed the issues they were having with the boiler and the steps they were taking to have it fixed.

Mr. Deschaine noted that there had been some discussion and it had been decided that the Fire Department would take over the message board in front of the Fire House. Chief Larrabee indicated that if any groups wanted to use the sign, they should contact the FD for an application form. He noted that the user would be required to put the message up and take it down. Mr. Deschaine indicated that he would notify the department heads about the change.

POLICE DEPARTMENT (cont.):

Chief Scippa stated that the PD, led by Sergeant John Emerson, had put together a food drive to benefit St. Vincent's, and they had collected 3000 pounds of food. He continued they were holding another drive this Saturday at Shaw's, which would benefit End 68 Hours of Hunger.

Mr. Canada indicated they needed to address Sgt. Pierce's request for a buyback of 80 hours of unused vacation time. He noted that there were two concerns of the Board. Vacation time helps prevent job "burnout". Police work is very stressful. Secondly, the expense of buying back unused vacation time is an unbudgeted item. Sgt. Pierce noted that he had taken some vacation

this year and had made an effort to take time, as requested by the Board last year, but he was very busy and there were certain things only he could do. Chief Scippa noted that with the addition of an eleventh officer he would be looking to reassign some of the jobs within the Department in 2017 and he hoped this would lead to less dependence on Sgt. Pierce allowing him to take more vacation time. He noted that he had enough money in the budget to pay for the 80 hours.

Mr. Canada moved to approve payment for 80 hours of unused vacation time to Sgt. Pierce. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Scippa discussed the new ordinance for no through trucking on Frying Pan Lane. Previously requested changes had been made.

Mr. Canada moved to adopt the ordinance as presented and proceed to a public hearing. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Deschaine will set up a date for the meeting in accordance with applicable statutes.

At 8:16 PM, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:36, Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes due to the nature of the conversation. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MEETINGS: The Chair then reviewed the meetings scheduled for the coming week and reviewed the meetings held this past week.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine noted that the department budget requests for 2017 were coming in and he was working on getting them organized.

Mr. Deschaine stated that the Fair Committee had not turned in their books or returned the money from this year's Fair to the Trustees of the Trust Funds. He continued that he was working to get the Fair Committee's attention to clear the issue up by the end of the year.

Mr. Deschaine went over the upcoming agenda items, including flying the POW/MIA flag. Resident Peter Wiggin would like to present new information on flying the flag at the Veterans' Garden. The Board had rejected his previous request to do so.

The Board discussed formatting the meeting scheduled for the following evening. A presentation of the Route 108 Corridor Study by the Arnett Development Group will be presented to the public.

At 9:09 Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary