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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, March 28, 2011

Selectmen Tad Putney, Clarence Farwell, Jack Flanagan, Darrell Philpot and Karl Dowling were present.

Police

Tad said since there were questions if an emergency arises during the weekend, he asked Chief Quigley to come in to answer questions. He asked Bill how many times he's been called when off duty. **Chief Bill Quigley** said he has not been called to come in. He's had a few calls from officers regarding shift changes or administrative questions that were answered in minutes on the phone. Bill said every police officer has the same training in the state to handle a scene. He said the sergeant's position will have additional training at an accident scene. The probability of an accident happening on a Saturday or Sunday can't be predicted. All officers are trained in mutual aid and contacting the state police. Bill said his job is to have all officers cross trained. Right now we have one prosecutor in the department. **Clarence** asked who is doing the sergeant's job. **Bill** said no one is. He's doing the scheduling. He said with the 12 hour shifts, the officers can predict their time off months in advance. **Tad** suggested having a policy in place in case an emergency arises. **Karl** asked why this wasn't checked into before signing a contract with the chief. **Tad** said because of Bill's previous employers, the selectmen didn't believe there was a problem. **Jack** said we've never been down this path before. **Darrell** said we need to look at the personnel policy so it doesn't happen again.

Tad said he had to respond to two of Hattie's articles because it adversely affects the reputation of an employee. One was from March 11th regarding the resignation of the police department's administrative assistant. The paper said Chief Quigley wanted to hire Donna with no posting. It was an error of omission by the Board. Tad called Hattie and she admitted the sentence cited had a different meaning. In last Friday's Hollis Brookline Journal Hattie quoted the last witness at the personnel hearing. Tad said he looked at the transcript and the quote in the article was not said. Tad said he can't stand by and watch the reputation of any employee be ruined and had to say something.

Laurie Perreault asked if all officers have supervisory training. **Bill** said all but one are Master Patrolmen. He said every officer is scheduled to go to First Line Supervisor's School. **Perreault** asked what would happen if a bomb threat came in on Friday after Bill had completed his hours for the week. **Bill** said the officers would handle it and call in other people if necessary. **Tad** asked how often the chief gets called in after hours in a town this size. **Bill** said 90% of questions are administrative and if needed, he will assist the patrol officer during the day. **Dennis Skey** asked how much time the chief spends on other activities in town and asked about the legal ramifications on a contract position for the chief. **Bill** said he did a lot of volunteer work when his kids were younger. **Tad** said the contract was done by legal counsel and that they have done many such contracts before. **Ann Somers** asked if we

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had an ice storm or flood would we owe the retirement system a penalty. **Jack** noted that Emergency Management Director **Wes Whittier** would be in charge in an emergency. **Betty Hall** asked if we're okay with the NH Retirement System. **Tad** said yes, we have a letter from them. **Skey** asked since the chief's job is a political appointment, is there a civil service test. **Tad** said the chief's job is not in any way, shape or form a political appointment. He said he would like to release the non public session minutes relating to the hiring of a new police chief but can't. **Jack** said the search committee received over a dozen applications for the chief's position. **Perreault** asked if there's a chain of command in the event of a fatal accident. **Bill** said every patrolman is capable of investigating the scene. A sergeant would be working evenings. If there's fatal accident, the state police would be called. **Paul Cambray** asked the length of the chief's contract and did he have a physical agility test. **Tad** said it's a 3 year contract and Chief Quigley had a physical and background check done. He said the Board had the possibility to hire a consultant when the last chief left and would probably suggest that in the future. **Darrell** said he feels Bill is committed to be our police chief. **Tad** said he was impressed with Bill's response to community policing during the interview process. **Hall** asked about the difference in certification of part time vs. full time police chiefs. **Bill** said the difference in a part time and full time police officer is the number of hours required. A full timer has more practical training. **Scott Delage** asked if the chief can be objective having his personal assistant work for him. **Bill** said Donna is a highly qualified administrative assistant and his personal life is his business. **Roland Tremblay** of Petersen Road said he's worked with Bill since he moved here in 1989 and Bill is a fine individual and a quality person and has put in more service to this town than most people. **Darrell** said the Board will follow up with NHRS and the town needs to move on. **Tad** said the Board is trying to get better at dialogue with the public.

Personnel Plan

Tad suggested that Sue Adams look at our Personnel Plan for possible changes. The selectmen agreed. Rena will get a copy to Sue.

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Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the public minutes of March 21st. Voted yes 4-0; 1 abstention.

Karl moved, seconded by Jack to approve both sets of non public minutes of March 21st. Voted yes 4-0; 1 abstention.

Chapel/Brusch Hall

Clarence moved, seconded by Darrell to authorize Tad to sign the rental agreement with Cornerstone Bible Church for a three month period. Voted yes 5-0.

Clarence said tar needs to be put around the chimney in the Chapel to fix the leak. He received an estimate from a mason not to exceed \$550. The Selectmen agreed.

Appointments

Planning Board

Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to appoint Richard Randlett as a Planning Board Member until March 31, 2014. Voted yes 5-0.

Jack moved, seconded by Darrell to appoint Dana MacAllister as a Planning Board Alternate Member until March 31, 2014. Voted yes 5-0.

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Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to appoint Kevin Gorgoglione as a Planning Board Alternate Member until March 31, 2014. Voted yes 5-0.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Darrell moved, seconded by Jack to appoint George Foley and Kim Bent as Zoning Board Members and Charlotte Pogue as a Zoning Board Alternate Member until March 31, 2014. Voted yes 5-0.

Conservation Commission

Karl moved, seconded by Jack to appoint Eric DiVirgilio as a Conservation Commission Member until March 31, 2014. Voted yes 5-0.

Fire Truck Lease/Purchase

Tad said the insurance bond in the amount of \$2,200 will cover defects in the construction of the vehicle. The Selectmen agreed we need to have it.

Library

Clarence said the water pump has been replaced at the library as they had no water.

Town Hall

Clarence said it's been suggested to put Town Hall signs on the Main Street and Bond Street sides of the building. There was no interest in putting signs on the building.

Website

Darrell asked residents for their ideas on the website and improving dialogue with the public.

Gen. Business

Approved warrants for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Tad Putney

Clarence L. Farwell

Jack B. Flanagan

Darrell Philpot

Karl D. Dowling