

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 1 April 2014

Members present: Lynn Sweet, Jim Andersen, R. Stephen Leighton Chairman,
In attendance: Chris Berry, Scott Whitehouse, Don Clifford

The meeting was called to order at 6:06PM.

Bills and payroll were reviewed and payment was approved. Correspondence was reviewed and pay rate changes were signed. Minutes from March 18th Selectmen's Meeting were read and approved.

Selectmen adopted a new policy pertaining to Selectmen Meeting minutes. As in the past, everyone in attendance will be noted in the minutes; however, beginning with this April 1 meeting, both the name and street address (no street number) of anyone who speaks will also be reported.

The Selectmen reviewed a report presented by Chris Berry of Berry Surveying, Barrington about the road construction for the Witcher subdivision on Province Road. A discussion about the definition of required frontage followed. The Selectmen did not sign the plans as they indicated insufficient blacktop frontage. They directed Mr. Berry to get clarification from the Planning Board regarding the extent of paving required.

Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, Garland Road, discussed several Fire Department matters with the Board.

- He presented the Board with specs for the emergency response vehicle which was approved at Town Meeting. The Selectmen granted approval to put it out to bid. A brief discussion followed about the bidding/purchasing process and the choice of a diesel vehicle.
- Scott also gave the Selectmen an update about the Fire Department, including water rescue training and gratitude for a mutual aid response from Barrington.
- Scott gave the Board job descriptions for the positions of fire chief, captain, lieutenant, and firefighter. Some questions were raised as the Selectmen reviewed the job descriptions. Commercial license and health card should be a requirement for all ranks. An emergency vehicle training class must have been completed previously or within the upcoming year for anyone who wants to drive one of department vehicles. Not all of the officers are currently certified for their rank and have one year to be enrolled in or have taken a class to obtain necessary certifications.
- Scott is working to inventory all jackets and gear, as well as develop a better method of keeping record of them.
- Scott and the Board members discussed the need for some contractual agreement with members of the department who receive reimbursement for their training. The cost of the training was discussed. No decision was made; Scott will try to calculate some estimate of time necessary for the return on the investment, and they will discuss it further.
- The Selectmen reported that the Barrington Fire Chief has offered his assistance in Strafford's Fire Chief selection process.

As follow up to questions raised at the last Board meeting, it was reported that the State will work with Girl Scouts so they may have the granite slab at the beach area engraved as a memorial. The State will also be working on eradicating the poison ivy at the beach area. There is no further information on the lease.

The Selectmen approved a request from the Police Department for an expenditure from the Special Detail Fund as well as investigating options for updating the Assessing Office's computer.

Don Clifford, Tasker Hill Road, discussed several questions about road posting with the Selectmen.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.