

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 14 October 2014

Members present: Steve Leighton, Chairman, Jim Andersen and Lynn Sweet
In attendance: Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse and Deputy Chief Dave Hartranft

The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM.

Minutes from the September 30, 2014 meeting were read and approved as written. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and the payment of bills. Correspondence was read.

Police Officer Bryant Scott has resigned from the Strafford Police Department, effective October 12, 2014, to take a position with the County Sheriff's office.

The Selectmen addressed a question raised by a resident about the use of the Town dock, indicating that the access to it is from the front of the dock.

The Board briefly discussed the ongoing Fairpoint case.

The following was discussed concerning Fire Department matters.

- Payment is ready for the new First Responder truck. Insurance will be effective October 15th. Scott will pick it up this week and will check with AMI about having it striped. The Ford will be taken out of service and will be put up for silent bid; there will be a reserve bid.
- Scott presented his 5 year plan. In the next five years, the department will be saving for future apparatus purchases. Engine number 2 is the next one to be replaced. The tanker truck needs some maintenance on the tank, but the tank has a lifetime warranty.
- Scott and Dave will attend a class at Frisbee Memorial Hospital about preparations for managing situations involving very contagious, in particular the Ebola virus.
- Scott will be taking a grant writing class soon.
- Scott has been discussing the draw down of Bow Lake with the State Dam Bureau. It has been arranged that the lake will drop sometime in November after Kooauke Island Association's bridge has been completed.
- Scott would like to establish a timeline for replacing and constructing a dry hydrant system in Town.
- The Selectmen, Dave and Scott discussed Scott's personal transition to the job as full time Fire Chief and well as the department's transition. Both Dave and Scott felt it was good to have Scott working with the daytime guys as they have done some training. New members will be on a 6 month probationary period. He is aware that he will go through a period of changing personnel.
- Scott and Dave will meet with the Selectmen in December for budgeting plans.

The Selectmen's Office will set up a date with Northeast Security to install the security system at the Town Office. Lanyards will replace the current push button security system.

Revised revenue forms for the State are being compiled and will soon be ready for signatures.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Steve Leighton to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

R. Stephen Leighton – Aye, Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet - Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 7:58PM.

A motion was made by R. Stephen Leighton to leave non-public session and seconded by Jim Andersen to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

R. Stephen Leighton – Aye, Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet - Aye

A motion was made by Jim Andersen to seal the minutes of the non-public session and was seconded by Steve Leighton. Roll call was taken as follows:

R. Stephen Leighton – Aye, Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet - Aye

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

Public session reconvened at 8:05PM

The Selectmen approved the purchase of an additional laptop for use by a deputy town clerk.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.