

SELECT BOARD MINUTES February 23, 2010

Present: Ted Murray (TM), Chair, David DeHerdt (DD)

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Interim Police Chief Interview

Ted and Dave interviewed Ed Cronin, the second candidate for Interim Police Chief. The public asked some questions before the Board took a short break.

The Board reconvened at 7:57 pm.

Minutes

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the open session minutes of February 17, 2010. Vote was unanimous. Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the executive session minutes of February 17, 2010. Vote was unanimous.

Committee Appointments

Ted and Dave reviewed a list of potential appointees for two new ad hoc committees. One is for a town hall building committee. The other is a police chief search committee. The Board will ask the appointees to attend Thursday night's meeting. Ted will develop a charge for the town hall building committee. Dave will develop a charge for the police chief search committee.

Email Recovery

Lorenzi has some questions regarding missing emails from February 9 thru February 27. Dave will seek answers to the questions to help Lorenzi determine the best approach to recovery of the emails.

Signatures

The warrant for caucus was reviewed and discussed. Dave expressed concern regarding the possibility of caucus being challenged if it was held at town hall due to the issue of handicap accessibility. Ted suggested that we need to check if Sanderson is available. Dave has no problem signing the warrant as long as we can hold it at Sanderson. He felt the content was fine.

The Board agreed that Ted should sign the letter from the American Lung Association saying they are aware of their bike race on June 26 and 27 that is routed thru Ashfield.

The Board signed a letter of support for the FRCOG South River Watershed grant application.

Interim Police Chief Candidate

Ted reviewed the process of how the Board reached the point of arriving at the final two candidates for interim police chief. After further discussion, motion was made, and seconded, to appoint John Cotton as the Ashfield interim police chief subject to satisfactory negotiations for a contract to run from March 1 thru June 30 subject to financial support from special town meeting tomorrow night. Vote was unanimous.

Motion was made, and seconded, to go into executive session for the purpose of conducting contract negotiations with non-union personnel. The board will not reconvene in open meeting. Roll call vote: Dave, yes; Ted, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Town Administrator

SELECT BOARD MINUTES February 24, 2010

Present: Ted Murray (TM), Chair, David DeHerdt (DD)
Finance Committee members: Tom Carter, Janet Rogers and Mary Link

Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm

Ted reviewed the proposal of funding article 5 from Police Department fuel instead of the Belding Park Restoration funds. Discussion also occurred regarding the possibility of funding all of Article 6 from the Belding Park Restoration funds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Town Administrator