



Board of Selectmen Minutes  
May 18, 2016

Selectmen discuss the Form and Substance of the position of Fire Chief and/or the organizational structure of the Fire/EMS Department:

JF asked for pros and cons and feedback from members of the Fire Department.

Several Firefighters and EMTs gave input to the Selectmen: Eric Brown, Jim Martin, Jim Joseph, Craig Irish, Mike Bussell and Peter McMurray spoke in favor of hiring from within the Fire Department. JF stated she wanted to be sure that there would be no more “infighting” within the department as has happened in the past.

Goal would be to keep the position internally if possible. They would like to have a full-time Chief also able to do paperwork involved.

JF expressed that the Board would like to have the Chief also be an EMT or get the certification.

FD members feel they have adequate coverage and they are united.

Selectmen discuss process they should follow in getting a new Chief.

JF stated to FD members present it was more desirable to hire from within. FD will get together and form a Committee to present a candidate.

Member was concerned whether or not legal counsel needed to be consulted to make sure the proper hiring process was being followed.

Board agreed to put a posting up on the Town Billboard making the residents aware that they are working on hiring a Fire Chief.

Selectmen agreed to have the FD Committee have applications from within submitted by May 26, 2016.

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman:

Lillian Whitney asked why the 2015 town audit hasn't been completed. She is not happy about it and wants to know why the town can't hire another audit company. She also made a comment on why no money was put into the stabilization fund. MM explained the reason being paying a large amount on the AES school windows/roof bill.

Public Comments (if any): Lillian Whitney spoke on the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser of selling bird houses. She displayed a sample of the blue bird house.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Read by: MM

10) Motion to Adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum

Seconded: Mark Haines

Vote: Unan

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: \_\_\_\_\_