

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

Present: Martin Crowley, Chairman; David Sheedy, Clerk; William Dowling; George Samia, Town Administrator; John Haines, DPW Director; Paula Wolfe, Assessor; Tim Harhen, Fire Chief; Brian Kiely, Facilities Maintenance Manager; and Gloria Mitchell, Senior Clerk

Paula Wolfe spoke regarding IT issues. She had previously submitted information regarding hiring a company, for approximately \$25,000.00, to do an assessment of the town IT needs.

John Haines stated that everything is now IT structured and each department is doing their own thing. Mr. Haines feels that money can be saved by having someone coordinate these efforts.

George Samia stated that the town has funded a large sum for computers. Mr. Samia explained what the intent of hiring HubTech was.

Mr. Haines stated that many departments now do work out on the field and are looking for ways to work mobile.

Martin Crowley would like to see an actual plan. It appears that all of the information given is giving the same recommendations.

William Dowling asked if they think there would be enough work for a full time person.

Mr. Haines recommends having a town wide IT Director that includes the School Department.

Mr. Samia could work with a town wide program, just would not recommend "piggy backing" on anything the school is doing.

Mr. Haines is asking for direction for this committee. In the absence of an assessment, should a job description be created or what direction does the Selectmen recommend they go in?

Mr. Crowley stated that the hardware part is already set up. Mr. Crowley stated that municipality experience and expertise should be a requirement.

Ms. Wolfe stated that she can reach out to other towns that have IT Directors and find out what their requirements are.

Mr. Dowling suggested maybe sharing a person with other towns.

Mr. Haines stated that the town needs to make sure you have someone that is at the proper IT level.

Brian Kiely stated that the town is already paying for IT services at the school and it should not be much more to include the town.

Mr. Crowley suggested that they convene again in three weeks at the same time with a possibility of someone that can do the function of the assessment and to discuss the findings of what other towns are doing.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

  
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Board of Selectmen