

**Enfield Board of Selectmen  
Enfield, New Hampshire**

**NON-PUBLIC MINUTES of February 14, 2005**

**Board of Selectmen:** Dominic Albanese; Nancy Scovner

**Absent:** Keith Oppenneer, Chairman

**Administrative Staff:** April Whittaker, Town Manager; Alisa D. Bonnette, Secretary

Mrs. Whittaker requested a non-public session to discuss a resignation.

Mr. Albanese moved to enter into non-public session, under RSA 91-A:3 II (b), at 6:18 PM; Mrs. Scovner seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Albanese – aye, Mrs. Scovner – aye, motion carried.

The Selectmen received a letter of resignation from Police Chief Peter Giese, effective April 1, 2005.

The Board discussed how to proceed with either promotion from within the department or a search for candidates.

Mr. Albanese summarized the steps the Board of Selectmen might follow:

1. Meet with the Local Government Center and Police Chiefs Association.
2. Determine what the Town wants for a Police Chief

As these steps are taken it will become clearer what the Selectmen want to do.

Mrs. Whittaker stressed the need for the process to be educational and constructive.

The Board proceeded to discuss unrelated personnel issues. Mrs. Whittaker will proceed as necessary.

Mr. Albanese moved to come out of non-public session at 6:45 PM; Mrs. Scovner seconded, vote unanimous.

Mr. Albanese moved to accept the resignation of Police Chief Peter Giese with heartfelt thanks and deep regrets for his years of service, effective April 1, 2005. Mrs. Scovner seconded the motion and added that Chief Giese has been with the Town for 27 years and the town is a much better place today. Congratulations were added for moving into retirement. All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Albanese moved to name April Whittaker as the official spokesman for the replacement of the Chief of Police; Mrs. Scovner seconded, vote unanimous.

Mrs. Whittaker stated to the public at this juncture the Town would have discussions regarding the search for a new Chief. Assistance will be obtained from the Police Chiefs' Association, the Local Government Center, local law enforcement and the Enfield Police Department. The Board will investigate and review the best ways to make the decision and answer questions they, or the public, may have. How do we become objective for looking within the department or looking outside of the department? Mrs. Whittaker may provide a synopsis at a later date.