

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY DECEMBER 1, 2011 - 12:50 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 12:50 p.m. with Selectmen Troy E. Garron, Kim R. Roy present. Selectmen Michael Schleiff was not in attendance.

Roy motioned and Garron second to open the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

The following business was discussed:

Student Officer Alexander Wilson

Roy began the discussion stating that Mr. Wilson has had several academic infractions at the academy over the last few months, of which Chief Manoogian was aware of and toyed with the idea of terminating him a couple months back. At the recommendation from the academy they suggested to give Wilson some more time hence Chief Manoogian did not pursue that action. Over the last two weeks Wilson has rallied academically.

Last evening at the police academy the student officers took part in two different scenarios. The settings were made as real as possible so that the officers would get the feel of what truly can happen. In both situations the academy said that Wilson performed poorly and he shot the victims in both situations. The instructors gave him time to compose himself and Wilson told them that he thought the victims were the perpetrators. The instructor, who never instructed Wilson before, was concerned about him and has reservations on passing him. Garron had suggested that maybe he is suffering from PTS.

Chief Manoogian, who was accompanied by one of the appointing authorities Kim Roy, was called last night to come to the academy so that Director DiGuitis, Plymouth Police Chief Boteri and Officer Mata could discuss Wilson's performance. They mentioned that there have been times when Wilson displays emptiness and at this time in good faith the academy could not let him graduate.

Garron said that Dacotus has been there for a while and if he has reservations about Wilson's performance then he is confident with his assessment. The Board of Selectmen would need to withdraw his sponsorship so if Wilson wants to attend another academy he can.

It was explained to Wilson that part of his appointment was passing the PAC, a physical and graduating from the academy and at this time he would not be graduating. Roy said that Wilson stated that he has given it 110% and realizes that his academics at the academy were not pristine. He was told that in a life or death situation on the street you do not have time for second guessing.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board motioned that on the bases of the recommendation from the training academy they withdraw Mr. Wilson's sponsorship with the academy and withdraw employment with the Town of Halifax due to his inability to meet the requirements as stated in the letter of

employment sent to him dated May 17, 2011. Garron added to this motion that we ask our Veterans' Agent to get in touch with Wilson so see if maybe he is suffering from PTS.

The Board questioned as to whether or not to seek reimbursement from Wilson for attending the academy. Garron suggested that we could send a letter asking for it and if he pays the town back then he does and if not then we might just need to take the loss.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board motioned to send a letter to Alexander Wilson requesting reimbursement for his attendance at the academy.

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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