Bob Thompson

John Allen

Richard Bennett

Selectmen's Board Meeting

December 22, 2016

Present: Bob Thompson, Chairman and John Allen and Richard Bennett, Selectmen

Visitors: Town Administrator Julie Atwell, Administrative Assistant Julie Hoyt, Town Clerk Karen Burton, Chris Perley, Brittany Perley, Grace Perley, Lt. Mike Santuccio, Officer Ryan McDonald. Kevin Bennett, Bill Lockard, Damon Steer, Brooks Dodge, Beth Dyer, Bea Davis, Bob Davis, Joyce Allen, Tom Greig, Jerry Dougherty, III.

Chairman Bob Thompson called the meeting into public session at 3:00p.m.

1. Police Department Update:

Chairman Thompson opened the meeting by introducing the top candidate for the Police Chief position, Chris Perley. Chairman Thompson went on to say that Chris is the perfect fit for Jackson and has strong cultural ties to the valley. Chairman Thompson introduced Chris' wife, Brittany and daughter, Grace. Selectmen Allen stated he is excited about the selection and is excited to move forward. Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made a motion to hire Chris Perley as Jackson's new Police Chief. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Thompson asked Chief Perley if he had anything to say. Chief Perley stood up and thanked the Selectmen. He stated that he is thrilled he was selected and informed the audience he was a policeman for 29 years and "loved every minute of it because of the work and the opportunity to serve people in best of time and the worst of times." He understands there have been "bumps in the road for the Town of Jackson like there are for all communities" and assured everyone that as they move forward they will be "moving forward together." He stated that he does not intend to be able to "solve every problem but he and the Jackson Police Department promises to serve with integrity, compassion for both towards the people we serve and the people that are subject to the laws, and will certainly serve with pride and professionalism."

Chairman Thompson asked if there were any comments.

2. Public Comments

a. Joyce Allan – asked if there will be a listening post with the new Chief. Chairman Thompson stated that this will happen after the holidays.

- b. Damon Steer asked the Selectmen to remind him what a listening post. Chairman Thompson replied that it is an informal public meeting that gives residents to opportunity to asks questions in an open forum.
- c. Damon Steer asked where the Jackson Police Department is at in staffing. Chairman Thompson stated there is 1 full time Police Officer and 1 full time Police Chief. Chief Perley's first day is Tuesday, January 3rd 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Julie Hoyt Administrative Assistant