New Durham Board of Selectmen
Non-Public Minutes ~ January 23, 2012
Fire Station Community Room

Members Present: Theresa Jarvis, David Bickford, Jeffrey Kratovil
Also Present: Police Chief Shawn Bernier, Town Administrator Alison Webb

Motion to enter into 91-A : 3 II a- made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Kratovil, roll- call vote Bickford-aye, Kratovil-aye, Jarvis-aye.

Non-public entered into at 2:11pm.

Chief Bernier said he would like to promote Corporal Meattey to the Sergeant's position, based on his performance. He has been fulfilling the needs of the supervisory position. He is also the lead investigator on most of the cases the department works.

Chief Bernier would like to ask the Board to start Corporal Meattey at a pay of $21.75. Selectman Kratovil would like to wait to lock into a rate.

Selectman Bickford said that, unfortunately, he cannot support Corporal Meattey as the Sergeant candidate because of personal knowledge and beliefs he has regarding him and explained the incident. Chair Jarvis asked if it was a conflict of interest. Selectman Bickford said no, it was not. Chair Jarvis asked if Selectman Bickford thought he should step down from the vote. Selectman Bickford said no.

Chief Bernier spoke to the issue that Selectman Bickford addressed, and said that it went before a judge at court and the law was followed. Selectman Bickford said that the law states discretion and he cannot support the corporal's discretion.

Motion to accept the Chief's recommendation to promote Reginald Meattey to the Sergeant's position subject to the vetting process. Made by Selectman Kratovil, seconded by

Motion withdrawn. The vetting process has begun. The subject will be brought up on February 6th.

Motion to come out of nonpublic by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Kratovil. 3-0

Out of nonpublic at 3:03pm.

Motion to seal the non-public minutes of January 23rd, 2012 made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Kratovil. 2-1 with Selectman Bickford opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Webb