

Town of Shirley

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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MINUTES

March 2nd, 2017

TOWN OFFICES

The Board of Selectmen convened its meeting on Thursday, March 2nd 2017 at the Town Offices, Meeting Rooms A & B, Chair Enrico Cappucci, presiding, with Selectmen Holly Haase, Selectmen James Wilson and Town Administrator Patrice Garvin in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

I, Hiring Investigator

The Board of Selectmen discussed hiring an investigator to look into the allegations made within the Safety and Respect at Work LLC Investigative Report. Chair Cappucci asked the board to consider hiring Mr. Ed Mitnick from Just Training Solutions. Mr. Cappucci noted that Mr. Mitnick specializes in discrimination investigations and, in his opinion, would be a good choice for the town to hire. After more discussion it was what decided have Mr. Cappucci contact and set up an interview with Mr. Mitnick.

Selectman Haase Moves to bring Mr. Ed Mitnick in for a meeting on Tuesday March 7th at 6:00pm, Seconded by Selectmen Haase. Holly Haase vote Aye, Jim Wilson vote Aye. Motion Passes.

2. Running of Police Department during Investigation

Board of Selectmen met with Sgt. Samuel Santiago to discuss appointing him Acting Chief until the completion of the investigation. Mr. Santiago noted his background and education for the Board. The Board also discussed hours to be worked. It was agreed that Acting Chief Santiago would work an administrative day time schedule and be paid according to the Wage & Salary Grid at a Step 1.

Selectman Wilson Moves to appoint Samuel Santiago Acting Chief with a term to expire upon the return of a Full Time Chief Seconded by Selectmen Haase. Holly Haase vote Aye. Jim Wilson vote Aye. Motion Passes.

SELECTMEN REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

During the public comments discussion about the Freedom of Information Act. Recently released information has been posted to a blog that is administered by a Mr. James Alton. All the Board members are concerned about the information that has been placed on the blog and why. Much of the discussion revolved around who Mr. Alton is and why he was given some of the information there was a general feeling that some of the information should not have been released. Also questioned was the time and process for releasing the information. Ms. Haase noted that we do have 10 days to respond to the request, but, if needed, could have up to 25 days to supply the requested documents. Ms. Gavin disagreed and said the law says 10 days. She also noted that only items that have been legally released are supplied. Mr. Wilson noted that any items requested from the Police Department are redacted before being released to the public. Mr. Wilson moved to have Town Counsel look into the data on the blog to make sure that all the information was properly released. There was no second, but Ms. Gavin said she would have Town Counsel look into it further.

A citizen asked a question regarding the length of an administrative leave and the amount of time the Town has to investigate. Acting Chief Santiago said that the norm is 30 days but it can take longer depending on the situation.

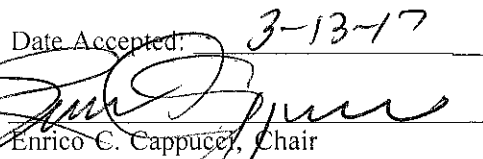
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting 3/6/17 at 7:00

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, *Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:15p.m. All in favor. Motion Passes.*

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Boudreau, Executive Assistant

Date Accepted: 3-13-17

Enrico C. Cappucci, Chair

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Agenda Item	Documents used
1	Payroll Warrant
2	Letter to Attorney Mary F.P. O'Neil
3	Jay Duffner appointment to Recreation Commission
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