

Board of Selectmen

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of Monday, September 20, 2010

Location: Fire & EMS Headquarters, 20 Church Street – 2nd floor training room.

Present: Chairman Michael E. Goodwin, Selectman Robert J. Fleming, Selectman Kenneth E. Picard, Town Manager, Blythe C. Robinson, and Department Coordinator Karen L. Varney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

The reason for this meeting is for the Board to review the final draft of tonight's program for the 7:00pm ceremony to honor retiring Fire Chief Michael J. Bradford, Sr., and begin the formal transition of command to incoming Fire Chief Aaron Goodale IV. At a Special Town Meeting on June 12, 2008 Upton residents voted to dissolve the current Board of Fire Engineer structure in favor of a single Fire Chief operating under M.G.L. Chapter 48 s. 42A.

Motion # 1: Chairman Goodwin motioned to appoint Richard J. Henderson, Sr., as Deputy Chief of the Department subject to the approval of Fire Chief Aaron Goodale upon his swearing in with a term to be determined by Chief Goodale. Selectman Picard, unanimous Selectman Fleming. Chairman Goodwin asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote. Robert Fleming aye, Ken Picard aye, Michael Goodwin aye.

Motion # 2: Chairman Goodwin motioned to appoint Michael J. Marchand, Assistant Fire Chief of the Department subject to the approval of Fire Chief Aaron Goodale upon his swearing in with a term to be determined by Chief Goodale. Second: Selectman Fleming, unanimous Selectman Picard.

Chairman Goodwin asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote. Robert Fleming aye, Ken Picard aye, Michael Goodwin aye.

At 6:45pm Chairman Goodwin motioned to recess the meeting until 7:00pm.

At 7:00pm the meeting reconvened in the Fire Station bay area where they were greeted by residents and relatives of Chief Bradford and Chief Goodale.

Chairman Michael Goodwin was Master of Ceremonies for this special occasion.

The attendees stood for the arrival of retiring Fire Chief Michael Bradford followed by Upton's full-time and on-call Firefighters and Emt's. Fire Department Chaplain Phil McClure

44 delivered the invocation. Chairman Goodwin introduced special guests, the current Board of
45 Fire Engineers:

46 Chief Michael J. Bradford, Sr. Deputy Chief Richard J. Henderson, Sr., Assistant Chief
47 Michael J. Marchand. Previous Members of the Board of Fire Engineers: Chief "Sonny"
48 Poirier, Chief Bob Prentiss, Deputy Chief Bill Evans, and Deputy Chief Bob Richard,
49 Director of Emergency Medical Services: Firefighter/EMT Brian Kemp.
50 Representing the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs' Association Chief Charles E. Cloutier of
51 Charlton. Representing Massachusetts Fire District 7: Chairman Tom Nault retired Fire
52 Chief in Millbury and Mary Bradford, wife of Chief Bradford.

53 The family of incoming Chief Aaron Goodale, his wife, Trina. Daughters Hannah
54 and Hayley, his parents: Aaron and Beverly and Chief Goodale's in-laws: Janet and
55 Allen Sears.

56 Also in attendance was State Senator in General Court for the Second Worcester District:
57 Michael O. Moore and Representative, in General Court for the ninth Worcester District,
58 Honorable George N. Peterson, Jr. of Grafton. Sergeant Bruce D. Rivard represented Chief of
59 Police Michael J. Bradley, Jr. as he was unable to attend due to a prior commitment,
60 and Town Clerk, Mrs. Kelly McElreath.

61 Former firefighter and Vice Chairman of the Fire Chief Search Committee Jim Brochu
62 gave a brief history leading up to the transition of the Fire and EMS Department that began five-
63 years ago. Deputy Chief Richard Henderson and a current member of the Board of Fire
64 Engineers gave an update of the years of leadership provided by the Board of Fire engineers.
65 Director of Emergency Medical Services Brian Kemp gave a summary of the history of the
66 Upton ambulance service.

67 Chairman Goodwin presented retired Fire Chief Bradford with a Certificate of
68 Appreciation for 40+ years of dedicated service. Selectmen Robert Fleming and Ken Picard then
69 presented Chief Bradford with an engraved clock. He also received many Certificates and
70 Proclamations including one from Senator Moore and Representative Peterson. Chief Bradford
71 was appreciative and reminisced about his time working for Upton.

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73 The formal transition of the command into a single integrated Fire & EMS Department
74 began.

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76 Motion #3: Selectman Fleming stated that on August 24, 2010 having ratified the
77 recommendation of the Town Manager to appoint Aaron Goodale IV to the position of Chief of
78 the Fire & EMS Department, I move that the Board of Selectmen dissolve the Board of Fire
79 Engineers to complete the second-to-last action derived from Article #17 of the June 12, 2008
80 Special Town Meeting. Second: Selectman Picard, Chairman Goodwin asked if there were any
81 discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote. Robert Fleming aye, Ken Picard aye,
82 Michael Goodwin aye.

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84 Motion # 4: Selectman Picard stated that on August 24, 2010, having ratified the
85 recommendation by the Town Manager to appoint Aaron Goodale IV to the position of Chief of
86 the Fire & EMS Department, I move that the Board of Selectmen dissolve the position of
87 Director of Emergency Management Services thereby fully completing the actions derived from
88 Article #17 of the June 12, 2008 Special Town Meeting. Second: Selectman Fleming, Chairman
89 Goodwin asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote. Robert

90 Fleming aye, Ken Picard aye, Michael Goodwin aye.

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92 Town Clerk: Kelly McElreath administered the Oath of Office to Aaron Goodale, IV, as
93 Upton's Fire Chief. Accompanying Chief Goodale was his wife Trina who pinned her husband's
94 badge. Chairman Goodman announced the formal introduction of Chief of the Fire & EMS
95 Department, Chief Aaron Goodale, IV. Chief Goodale gave a brief statement saying he is
96 looking forward to his term as Fire Chief.

97 At 8:15pm the ceremony concluded and Chairman Goodwin adjourned the Boards
98 meeting.

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101 Respectfully submitted,

102 Karen L. Varney, Department Coordinator

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