

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2018**

PRESENT: Mr. Marc W. Richard; Chairman and Mr. John Nason, Clerk

ABSENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Vice-Chairman

ATTENDEES: Chief Spiewakowski, Chief Lavoie, Atty. Timothy Zessin, David Kirk, Ann Banville, Eileen Kennedy

Opened the Meeting at 7:29 PM

Chairman Richard Opened the Meeting and dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board met this evening at the request of both Chiefs to discuss regionalizing dispatch with the Rutland Regional Communication Center. After the meeting on the 5th of June, where a few residents expressed concern, Chief Spiewakowski advised the residents via the department's Facebook page that an informational meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 13th at 6 PM at the Senior Center. At that time, the Director of the RECC, Michael Moriarty along with the Town Administrator would be in attendance to answer any questions the residents may have.

There are many working parts to make this happen, such as addressing concerns over a "dark station", contractual issues with the Local 404 (current dispatch employees) and the possibility of hiring another full time police officer. The State strongly supports smaller communities regionalizing, which goes hand in hand with the Community Compact that the Board signed 2017. Regionalizing dispatch has been discussed for 10 years or more and at this time, both Chiefs strongly recommend the Board move forward with this proposal. Although uncertain at this time, there will be a financial savings to the town. Chief Lavoie stated that Warren has been given a golden opportunity and would hate to miss out on this. Both police and fire personnel are in full agreement with making the change.

By doing so, major technology upgrades will be seen, which the town alone would never be able to do from a financial standpoint. According to Chief Spiewakowski, the town would benefit from a far superior product. The Chiefs are requesting that the IMA be signed at the next meeting on June 19, 2018 in order to keep this moving forward.

With no further discussion at this point, the Board plans on attending the informational meeting being held tomorrow evening to gather additional information.

Next Regular Meeting Date: June 19, 2018, 2018 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard - unanimous at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk

