

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 6, 2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Mr. Dario Nard, Chairman, Mr. Marc W. Richard, Clerk and Mrs. Rebecca Acerra,
Administrative Secretary

ABSENT: Mr. James A. Gagner, Jr.; Vice-Chairman

ATTENDEES: Chief Spiewakowski

Opened the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Motion to enter into Executive Section in accordance with MGL c 30 A, Section 21 (a)(1) – Police Chief made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous. Roll Call Vote – 2 Yes

The majority of the Board met again today to discuss salary. After having previously met on February 1, 2017, Mr. Nardi is agreeable to an increase, however no extension. Mr. Richard is not in favor of an increase in salary nor an extension.

Mr. Nardi stated that with a 0% increase for the first year, he feels that a modest increase is warranted. Mr. Richard still has issues that we haven't brought up yet and feels that increases need to be earned and not based on that fact that an individual is here for another year.

Chief Spiewakowski stated that he understands Mr. Richard's concerns; however he can provide a list of his accomplishments. Mr. Richard continued with an example of the Village Market robberies. He stated that he (Richard) personally spoke with the store owner and sadly, he had nothing good to say on the manner in which it was handled. He (store owner) claims that the Chief, not once spoke to him and a radio transmission from one of the Officers supposedly said that the owner told him to go home as they (police) were useless. The Chief is certainly familiar with the case, however doesn't have any idea as to what Mr. Richard or the store owner is talking about. Mr. Richard continued with the perception of the Chief and the entire Police Department as a whole, which comes down to leadership or in this case, he feels is a lack of.

Mr. Richard questioned why is it that every surrounding town, both big and small have a showing of Officers to march at Memorial Day. Why is it that this town cannot get anyone to march, which the residents have taken note of. Chief Spiewakowski disagrees with Mr. Richard's assessment of his department.

Mr. Richard would prefer to act as a full board. All were in agreement to meet again on March 13, 2017 at 3 PM to discuss further.

Motion to exit Executive Session and reconvene in Open Session made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc W. Richard, Clerk