

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, June 05, 2023**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Janet Wall (JW), Mark Avery (MA), Tim Burt (TB)

OTHERS: Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Deborah Ahlstrom (DA), Police Chief McGann, Jeanette Fones

Correspondence:

- Citibank is ending its credit card relationship with Staples.

MINUTES: JW moved and MA seconded the approval of minutes from May 15, 22 and 26 as amended. Motion passed.

GUEST: Police Chief McGann came before the Selectmen to discuss the purchase of a cruiser and a budget adjustment. The Chief first reported that he is in the process of hiring a certified officer who desired less hours than her current position. He reported that he currently requires his officers to pay for the cleaning of their uniforms. He would like to have the town pay for the cleaning and requested a budget adjustment. He suggested that the funds come from the prosecution, radio maintenance personnel, and custodial lines. MA wondered if the adjustment could come from lines other than wages, as it is not customary to take from wage lines. The Chief asked if he could begin a search for a new Tahoe for purchase in 2024, as supply chain issues had made the last search long. The Selectmen were favorable to the Chief investigating the availability of a new cruiser per the CIP showing a purchase in 2024. There was a discussion on the time it was taking for the school district to provide video camera access to the dispatch center.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was a discussion on the Police Chief's request for a budget adjustment from wages. MA moved and TB seconded a motion to table the Police Chief's request for a transfer of funds per his letter of May 17, 2023, to establish a new budget line for the cleaning of uniforms (4210-684), and to re-evaluate on or before November 3, 2023 a budget adjustment. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- EF presented an abatement denial on the recommendation of Avitar. The Selectmen wished to review the issue and it will be brought back on Friday.
- EF was directed to follow up with Philbricks Generators on a number of questions on their diminished use of their residential property as a business.
- EF provided a little more historical information on the median ratio of assessments.

OTHER:

- EF reported that Todd Copley had received satisfactory information from the State Police on his stop on Evan Rd. and issue is resolved.
- The Selectmen discussed a To Do list to keep track of topics that needed addressing.

Meeting ended at 9:15pm.

Submitted by: *Eric Fiegenbaum*

Approved: *7-17-2023*

On approved minutes, proof changes are noted through italics for additions and strikethroughs for deletions.