

TOWN of OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen

REGULAR SESSION

May 9, 2011

Present:

Clayton Rice, Chairman

Eliot G. Starbard, Vice Chairman

Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Clerk

Recording: Donna Couture

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes

Mr. Bergin made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of May 2, 2011, Eliot seconded, voted all in favor.

Appointment of Police Chief

Mr. Starbard made a motion to appoint Fred Gehring as Part-Time Permanent Police Chief for a term of 3 years, through 2014. Mr. Bergin seconded.

Jon Boucher, as member of the finance committee questioned if there was some gain to making the appointment this evening. Donna Sands, as member of the finance committee suggested the board wait on an appointment. Mr. Starbard explained at the time of the temporary appointment the board committed to waiting five to six months for a permanent appointment. Additionally the board has received numerous compliments on the department to include quick response time, and professionalism of all of the current officers.

Mr. Carl Lindley questioned why part-time versus full-time. Mr. Bergin explained current times has the town in financial difficulty.

Mr. Rice explained he has no problem with Fred, and suggests an appointment of one year with a probationary period.

Kevin Carrier requested each finance committee member explain their vote for the Fiscal 2012 budget recommendations on this position. Paul McNeil explained he voted for a part-time chief, Lisa Hubacz voted for a full time budget, and Jon Boucher voted for a full time budget.

A roll call vote was made on the motion, Mr. Rice voted YES, Mr. Bergin voted YES, and Mr. Starbard voted, YES. Motion carries.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Kevin Currier discussed there may be an option with leasing a new vehicle versus purchasing a Light Duty Dump Truck.

Correspondences

Pathfinder informed the board that senior Jeffrey Nelson, of Oakham was one of six Pathfinder students to compete at the 37th Annual Massachusetts State Skills USA competition held in Marlborough. Jeff received 1st place gold medal in Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning. He will now continue at the National Skills USA competition held in Kansas City, Missouri, in June.

Motion to Adjourn

Eliot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44p.m. Dennis seconded, voted all in favor.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the board of selectmen will be held on May 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.