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BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Wednesday, 3 June, 2015, 10 o'clock a.m.

Town Hall Hearings Room

Called to order at 10:05 am

Present were: Chairman Dean V. Cronin, Selectman Patrick Menges, Jocelyn Tavares, Chief MacDonald, Jennifer Luiz, Mary Hathaway, Thomas Ferry and Administrative Assistant Karin Brady. Pledge of allegiance is recited.

Jocelyn

We have added an ancestry library and genealogy. She is currently preparing a training session on those. Also preparing for summer reading assignments.

Chief MacDonald

Regarding firearms, license to carry and the complaint from citizen who has been waiting. I explained to him how it works. There is a list of people who need an appointment. We try to do the renewals first, because it takes six weeks to put it through. We back the new ones up a little bit because we are trying to do the renewals. I also told him that the Board of Selectman has nothing to do with licenses to carry. His appointment is now Saturday at 8:30am.

How we will do it now, will be 2 Saturdays per month from 8:30am to 2:00pm.

The reason we get backed up is because I will have to call someone in to cover the town. He called because he wasn't getting any results. It takes about 15 minutes to do a renewal. In case anyone calls, we will now be doing it 2 Saturdays per month.

There are alot of gun licenses in this town. Town of Dighton percentagewise we are up there with LTC's in town. Just behind Berkley.

They will come to station - dispatch will take name and number, and we will then call them and schedule an appointment for one of the Saturday dates.

Chairman Cronin says just for curiosity sake - what was the reference in the letter to suing the department? How would that work?

Chief MacDonald says I don't know how that would work, because we are not denying them a license. It used to be the Chief's decision. Now it is sent through the State and it comes back denied. You don't get your money back, but they do have a right to appeal. The guy was fine with that and he said he was new in town and didn't know how it worked.

Selectman Menges says he is chairman of the CPC - He is not new in town. He is a minister. Anthony Linden. He does not preach in town, but he lives here in town.

Chairman Cronin asks the Chief how Pleasant Street is doing.

Chief MacDonald says trucks are flying down Forest Street. I told George to go do his thing. He adds, I will do that again with the reserves. The commuter hours on Pleasant Street are horrible. He adds that most of the speeding is by town residents.

Selectman Menges says the town is changing.

Chief MacDonald says it bothers him that they have no regard for the people walking.

Selectman Menges says it is bad with cell phones and also distracted drivers.

Jen Luiz

With reference to the memo that was sent out Monday. There has been a lot of questions.

Chairman Cronin says he knows that Department Heads are supposed to keep a file of all of them,

Mary Hathaway recommends time stamping all of the requests.

Jen says it is not just clerical that needs to do it. She adds most offices are so small, they use a calendar, Chief MacDonald says I have a form that they fill out. They have to sign the form and at the bottom it says approved or disapproved. Jen asks the Chief about Karleen. What if she puts in for Friday, but it comes and then she can't take it and needs to take the next day off, then she hasn't given you notice for that. She asks am I supposed to be denying that?

Chairman Cronin says we are supposed to follow the contract.

Jen asks if it should be attached to payroll. Chairman Cronin says no, we will keep it in the file, and we will be able to review it at any time.

Jocelyn asks if I can say - I approved it on such and such a day, to which Chairman Cronin says if you don't have the request on file - it will be denied.

Ho goes over the policy

5 days or more 30 days

5 days or less 15 days

Jen says if someone wants just 5 days what happens. Chairman Cronin says 15 days is fine with me

Mary Hathaway

She says she doesn't really have anything.

She has called the attorney on Hunter's Hill, and is waiting to see the Mirandas to see what's going on. She adds that I don't know what is happening with the buyer. I think it will go through but maybe not before the end of the year.

Tom Ferry

Says he will answer any questions. He adds there will be two more weeks of street sweeping. Maintenance is continuing, and mowing of the landfills. And litter is still a problem.

Selectman Menges says the litter is not so bad in Rehoboth. Tom says they have a strong community of people that pick up the litter.

Selectman Menges then asks if Tom is familiar with the liner at the landfill at all. Tom says yes. Selectman Menges says that I have been told that if we put anything on top of the liner, it will poke holes and things will percolate to the surface. He adds that the planning board is meeting with a company tonight who is looking to put solar panels on the landfill. If you can provide any information to them regarding the liner it would be appreciated.

Selectman Menges says if we will ever get a grant to do test wells there, it may disturb Broad Cove nature trail.

Selectman Menges says that he will have to think about that.

Tom Ferry says after July 1, he will approach the board with some Chapter 90 projects.

Chief MacDonald asks when Cow chip is going on - if someone falls out there, what happens - Who is responsible? He adds that he was told that someone fell.

Selectman Menges says if it is attached to the building it is Town Hall and the Board of Selectmen. If it is the ball field, then it is Parks and Recreation and we have told them to require an insurance waiver from anyone who wishes to use the field. He adds that he is not sure if we have one from the Lions Club.

Selectman Menges says one of the things that was mentioned is that there is no handicapped parking out there designated for that purpose. Brian Brown offered to paint some handicapped spaces.

Chief MacDonald says he doesn't think it was a big deal, but he was just wondering. This is a good point about the handicapped access. We really don't have it.

Tom Ferry says we had an area coned off for that purpose during the cow chip, but no one took advantage of it, but, allowing them to drive into a crowd, thats a problem.

Tom Ferry has a question involving the cemeteries

Getting the cemeteries so they are maintainable specifically the largest one in town.

I am not speaking for the cemetery committee, but I am suggesting that the trees be removed right up to the wall. I do think that has to be voted on, or is it up to the committee, Selectman Menges says the committee has the power, Tom Ferry says I know we do, but is it better etiquette to let the voters

decide, Jen asks if they will need money for that. Tom Ferry says that he can probably just use manpower for that. He adds that the landlocked ones - are better off just using briars to protect them. That is where the Veteran's agent and I disagree.

What's on the radar is the pits in Briarwood estates. That's a pine grove that is out of control. We just want it maintainable - Selectman Menges says that if you let the stumpage rot it does not disturb the graves.

Chairman Cronin asks if there is anything else.

Chairman Cronin thanks everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Cronin Unanimously carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Respectfully submitted

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