

Selectboard Minutes 01/12/2015

Minutes

Town of Greenfield

Greenfield Town Offices, 7 Sawmill Road Greenfield, NH

Selectboard's Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2015 – 4:30 PM

Selectboard: Chairwoman Debra Davidson, Selectwoman

Karen Day, Selectwoman Charig Bliss

Staff: Administrator Patt, Fire Chief David Hall

Public:

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Chairwoman Davidson.

Documents for Approval/Review/Signature

The Selectboard reviewed and/or signed the following items:

- A/P Invoices
- A/P Checks
- Seasonal Employee Wage Rate
- Payment in lieu of Insurance

Chairwoman Davidson opened the meeting at 4:30pm.

4:30 PM: Fire Chief David Hall

At 4:30 PM the Board met with Fire Chief David Hall to discuss the 2015 budget, departmental improvements and the vision for the future of the department. Chief Hall provided a presentation to the Board that outlined the vision of the department. The presentation was subtitled “where we were.....where we want to be.....how to get there”. The focus of the Chief is on modernizing the Greenfield Fire Department and bringing it into the 21st century. Chief Hall outlined that 2/3rds of the calls that the Fire Department goes on are EMS related. He pointed to himself and noted that he is the first chief of the department to have an EMS license. The document provided by Chief Hall outlined many changes that have been instituted since his appointment. Chief Hall outlined the state of the department, which had been poor, but noted that since October the fire department has not missed a call. Instituting a mandatory on-call program among the firemen has resulted in on-call coverage during the night, which allows people not on call to function normally. At the end of the presentation there was some discussion about the potential changes to the fire chief's position (moving from elected to appointed if the Selectboard's warrant article passes at Town Meeting in

March). At the end of the meeting the Chair said that she felt much more comfortable advancing increases in the budget as a result of the presentation.

Adjournment

On a motion by the Chair, and a second by Selectwoman Day, the Board voted to adjourn. The motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The minutes are final when approved and signed by the Selectboard. A signed copy is on file in the Selectboard's office.

Chair, Debra Davidson	Karen Day, Selectwoman
Margaret Charig Bliss, Selectwoman	