



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
02/08/10

Present: Earl Baumgardner, Rick Pinciario, Carol Traynor
Others: Carol McLeod, Thomas Nucci
Minutes by: J. Penney

Call To Order at Town Hall

Chairman Baumgardner called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approve Agenda

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve agenda as submitted. Vote (3:0)

Appointments

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to go into executive session at 7:01PM for personnel discussion. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to come out of executive session at 8:15 PM. Vote (3:0)

The board of selectmen will reconvene at the fire station

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Chair Baumgardner to authorize Carol Traynor to sign FEMA documents. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to sign letter to MA Dept of Public Health reflecting letters from chiefs regarding ALS. Vote (3:0)

Whittier Voc Reg Tech contract negotiations rep –Baumgardner will look into.

Reconvened at Merrimac Fire Station at 8:30PM.

In attendance Greg Habgood, Larry Fisher, Jim Flynn, Eric Shears, Pinciario, Baumgardner, Traynor, McLeod, Tom Nucci

Baumgardner asks what services would not be provided with a regular dispatch or what services would we have to provide that the sheriff's dept will not provide.

There would need to be security system/fire alarms. Traynor wonders if the dispatch would accept calls from residents to check on a loved one for example. Baumgardner wonders about calls to the phone line at the station. Other calls they're wondering about are light dispatch, sewer alarm, call outs, etc. Flynn doesn't feel it's possible to tailor to every town. The concern is once you're in you won't be able to get out. Fisher feels there would need to be a lot of planning on Spencer and Flynn's part. Fisher wants the board to understand what the process of dispatch is and will demonstrate on their equipment. If they consider this they would have to consider putting additional officers on shifts. There not sure how mutual aid will work with this plan. There are concerns about additional costs to upgrade the programs software to make it town specific and future potential costs to upgrade radios. Potential savings of approximate \$176,000. But would need admin asst, and hire additional officers to cover. Additional costs would be safe room, alarm system. There are concerns about training requirements for dispatchers. The center would be taking 35 dispatchers. This month, 3 full time and 1 part time dispatcher will be going to training on the 22nd funded through 911 grant money for APCO certification. There are also concerns if Amesbury goes to regional dispatch because they rely on them at times They discuss whether to put the question on town meeting. All fire/police personnel present don't feel comfortable moving forward without more answers. Shears is concerned that they would be buying into something that's not more definitive.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to not participate in the regional dispatch of Essex County. Vote (3:0) Meeting moves to dispatch area for demonstration on current dispatch system and adjourns.

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Ricky Pinciario