

**Continuation of Selectmen's Meeting
January 21, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

A meeting of the Board was continued to the above date in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room. Members present were Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman, and Michael J. Donaroma. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela Dolby and Police Chief Antone Bettencourt along with several members of the Edgartown Police Department.

Chairman Smadbeck began the meeting by reading a letter from Chief Antone Bettencourt announcing his intention to retire by May 2, 2015. Mr. Smadbeck stated he was a little shocked by the letter but said he fully understood why Chief Bettencourt was doing this. He went on to compliment him about the job he did as patrolman, Lieutenant, Deputy Chief, and finally Chief. He agreed that the Chief is leaving a very stable department with many good men and women.

At this time Mr. Smadbeck suggested to Mr. Donaroma that the Town should do the same thing we did when Chief Condlin retired and that was to hire Jack Collins to assist with the transition, to meet with the officers at the station and see where they would like to go with this.

At this time Chief Bettencourt told the Board he had a suggestion. He went on to say he thought the Board should hire Jack Collins as interim Chief and that way he could work with the officers, see the operation, and assist them better in transition or and re-structuring they may suggest. He would be no threat as he has no intentions of applying for the Chief's position.

Mr. Smadbeck was a little surprised at this suggestion and asked if Mr. Collins would even consider it and would it be alright for him to do that.

Chief Bettencourt said he had already spoken with Mr. Collins and he said it would be an honor for him to assist the Town with this transition. He would not be available until sometime after March 1st.

Mr. Smadbeck said he felt comfortable as this was a suggestion coming from the department.

Mr. Donaroma spoke a bit about what Chief Bettencourt had done for the Town and how the Town was lucky to have him as long as we did and he hopes he enjoys retirement. Mr. Donaroma went on to say that he has no problem with the Chief's suggestion. We want to have the best outcome for the Town.

At this time Mr. Smadbeck asked for a motion, Mr. Donaroma made a motion to hire Jack Collins as interim Chief sometime around March 1st. Mr. Smadbeck seconded the motion and a unanimous vote was cast.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

not present
Margaret E. Serpa
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela M. Dolby