

Selectmen's Meeting
August 23, 2010
4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B Morgan Jr. Meeting Room, Town Hall. Members present were Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman; Arthur Smadbeck; and Michael J. Donaroma. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 p.m Ms. Serpa opened the advertised public hearing on the town Comcast negotiations. There being no public comment she closed the hearing at 4:01pm.

Ms. Serpa then recused herself and sat in the audience.

Mr. Smadbeck then noticed Police Chief, Antone Bettencourt.

Also present was Mr. William Bishop IV, Mr. William Bishop III, Mrs. Donna Bishop, Mr. Jim Bishop, and Ms. Wanda Williams, Town Clerk.

Chief Bettencourt stated that he would like to recommend Mr. William Bishop IV for a full time officer. Mr. Bishop had been with the force since 2004 when he started out as a Traffic Officer and moved up to be a Special Officer. Mr. Bishop also has put himself through the Police Academy and has earned a bachelor's degree in law enforcement.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve Mr. Bishop as a full time officer. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Williams then asked Mr. Bishop who shined his shoes.

Mr. Bishop verified that it was himself

Ms. Williams then swore in Mr. Bishop into his new position as full time officer.

There was a small round of applause and Ms. Serpa returned to her seat and official position.

The Board then approved the following items:

A yard sale permit for Ms. Robin Breen at 6 Orran Norton Way on 8/26 from 9-1.

They accepted the resignation of Ms. Catherine Finch from the Historic District Committee and appointed Ms. Roberta Hutchison, alternate member, to member. This leaves an opening for an alternate member of the Historic District Committee and the position will be advertised. Mr. Donaroma abstained from the appointment of Ms. Hutchison because she does work with his company.

Mr. Fuller asked the Board to write letters to a list of property owners that have put large rocks out on public property in front of their house.

The Board agreed and the deadline to comply will be October 1, 2010.

The Board authorized Ms. Dolby to sign the Community Development Grant and decided to write a letter to various authorities requesting that no new restrictions are added.

She announced that there would be a Celebration of Life for Ms. Hope Waingrow who worked for the town for many years. The celebration will be held in the meeting room of the Town Hall on August 26th from 4-6pm.

The Board addressed a letter from the UN Association requesting the Board to recognize United Nations Day on October 24, 2010. The Board voted to make it so.

Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn at 4:13pm. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

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