

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING— January 24, 2023

Present: Chris Ellms, Dick Bielefield, Margo Connors

Guests: Chief Allan Clark

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board has scheduled the 2023 Budget Hearing for February 6, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Crapo Building.

Discussion about hoarding at a town residence that is potentially hazardous to the homeowners. Margo will contact Health Officer Deb Corey to review the situation.

Board reviewed the Littleton Ambulance Contract with Chief Clark. Margo had discussed some minor changes with Littleton Town Manager, Jim Gleason, earlier in the day:

Page 2, #10. Add Sugar Hill BOS email so board can be easily updated with ambulance information, Page 4 Termination. Change 60 to 90 days to conform with Easton contract.

Cost of a new Compressor and Generator at the Fire Station will come from the Fire Department CRF.

Chief Clark presented the idea of creating a Sugar Hill Fire Department Medical Response Team: Details -no increase in budget, FLS fee of \$2,000 to be used for equipment - AED, Easton response - \$500 to be paid to Sugar Hill". Board had lots of questions: Who would be on the team? Need to check with Primex and town legal counsel, Should SH firefighters be going out of town? How would this impact the budget? Board will discuss further and get back to the Chief.

Discussion on need for Forestry stipends to three members of the fire department since residents can obtain burn permits online. No decision made, although Chief Clark's time on this would be covered by hourly rate not an annual stipend. Discussion regarding how mutual aid works in the region. Select Board will now pay the Chief weekly based on hourly timesheet/log submissions. Board will review the Fire Chief job description to discuss with the Chief at a later date.

Discussion about coordination of town departments during the Christmas storm and power outage. Board is concerned that firefighters could incur liability risk while cutting trees not related to fire on private property. Was the emergency management plan used?

Emergency Management Director position should be separate from Fire Department budget Chris suggested that the Board meet with the Fire Chief and Police Chief together on a regular monthly basis.

At 6:41 pm after the Chief had left the meeting, the Board went into non-public session.

**Motion to enter Nonpublic Session** made by Margo Connors seconded by Dick Bielefield

**Specific Statutory Reason** cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

RSA 91-A:3, II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

**Roll Call vote** to enter nonpublic session: Chris Ellms – Yes, Margo Connors-Yes, Richard Bielefield-Yes

**Entered nonpublic session** at 6:41pm.

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Discussion of Chief's salary: Board agreed that Chief will be paid hourly @ \$30 for all work in town based on submitted timesheets. There will be no additional stipends. Proposed wages of the Chief will not exceed \$20,000 in 2023.

Motion to seal the minutes made by Dick Bielefield, seconded Margo Connors, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective

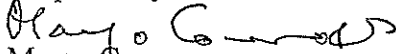
**Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:** Richard Bielefield – Yes, Margo Connors – Yes, Chris Ellms - Yes

**Motion: PASSED**

**Motion to leave nonpublic session** and adjourn at 6:57 pm., by Margo Connors, seconded by Chris Ellms. **Motion: PASSED**

With no more business before the Board MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. ELLMS, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday January 30, 2023, at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Margo Connors  
Select Board Chair