

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Room 112 of the Town Hall. The following members were present:

Mark Gallivan, Chairman
Michael Berry, Vice Chairman
Nancy Mackenzie, Clerk
Christopher Timson
Clifton Snuffer, Jr.

Also present:
Michael Boynton, Town Administrator
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistant

Mr. Gallivan called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIREFIGHTER APPOINTMENTS

The Board interviewed three candidates for two openings as Firefighter/Paramedics. Chief Bailey noted they have had another resignation and is asking the Board to consider appointing two candidates. They received 28 applications and the interview committee brought that down to 9 and 8 showed up. They interviewed them and then they sent the Chief the top 3 candidates and Mr. Boynton and he interviewed the top 3.

Each candidate was given the opportunity to provide the Board with any information that they felt was relevant and not necessarily in their resumes.

Erik Bailey was the first candidate and explained he is no relation to the Chief. He is currently a certified paramedic. He spoke of being on the Amherst Fire Dept as a student and that is what opened up the profession to him. He was taking classes in economics and the biggest thing that drew him to being a Firefighter was the brotherhood and protection of live and property. Ever since then, all of his classes and jobs have been EMS related. He has seven years of 911 experiences. He is married. He is not familiar with QA/QI. He ranks himself high in computer office skills and feels that is a fair assessment. He is ready to settle down into a community with a job that opens up. He noted he has seen the fire service from different perspectives, EMS and how they work. Has a better understanding of living in a fire house and know your role. He does not see himself in any other profession. He will continue to work at his medic skills. He feels it is important. He is not concerned going from Somerville to Walpole. He has had a good taste of call volumes and likes the pace of towns such as Walpole. He wants to continue taking classes and would like to be an EMS coordinator.

Colin Ryle spoke to being a State certified paramedic, certified in PALS, ACLS and CPR. He grew up in Norwood went into roofing business surrounded by medical personal in his family. Last six years working as an EMS doing emergency and 911 backup. He moved to E. Walpole. He is familiar with QA/QI it is quality assurance, an overview of what you do and giving feedback. He ranks himself as basic in computer skills as he is able to use work, but not familiar with spreadsheets. He explained he is a hard worker and good ability to form a relationship with his patients. He worked for Eascare Ambulance and does ALS Transport. He has worked approximately 100 hours doing backup for Boston EMS. He feels it is important to work as a medic. He has family in the Foxborough Fire Department and they pushed him into this career and he loves it. He wants to help the community he lives in. Walpole is where he wants to be. He would like to continue his education

David Jenks started EMS three years ago, started working as a basic and currently a Paramedic, and likes helping people a lot. Wanted to further my education, went to Taunton, further education. He is aware what QA/QI is. He did not fill in the office skills on his application but has good experience with computers. This is the career he wants and what he sees himself doing long term.. Lived in Walpole his entire live. He had lived in Mississippi to play in a band took a chance and was there for one year and decided he wanted to come home. It was a great experience. He is not employed as a musician. When working for Lifeline Ambulance Service a lot of the patients were inter-facility transfers. They would take patients that fell down or had heart attacks. A lot of them were sick and on ventilators. They did not have a 911 contract. After five years of moving around, he knew this is what he wanted to do this makes him happy. His father is on the Walpole Department and he grew up with this his entire life. He always admired what his father did. In the future he wants to stay in Walpole but be more proficient then he is now. He wants more experience and there is always room for improvement.

Mr. Snuffer is appreciative of the quality of candidates and the ranking as provided. He told the Chief he had team in place that understood and they elevated these individuals.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Eric Bailey as a Firefighter/Paramedic beginning on July 17, 2013. This appointment is conditional pending completion of background checks, physical exams, PAT, and psychological testing. The candidate will be required to attend and graduate from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and certified to the level of Firefighter I/II, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Colin Ryle as a Firefighter/Paramedic beginning on July 23, 2013. This appointment is conditional pending completion of

background checks, physical exams, PAT, and psychological testing. The candidate will be required to attend and graduate from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and certified to the level of Firefighter I/II, seconded by Mr. Timson
VOTED 5-0-0

Mrs. Mackenzie asked the Chief to pass on to David that she would like him to come back and to continue with Medic training.

Bid Award 2013-15A

Mr. Boynton explained that this was a rebid. Lowest qualified bid

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract 2013-15A to Lorusso Corporation, Plainville, Ma per item unit cost basis as allocated money will allow, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman's declaration:

I hereby declare that:

- Under G.L. C.30A, §21(a)(6)(3) the purpose of the executive session will be
 - to discuss strategy with respect to the possible acquisition of Real Estate and that I determine that discussing the matter at an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the town's position.
and,
 - to conduct a strategy session with respect to cable related programming
- That the Board of Selectmen shall return to open session only for the purposes of adjourning.

MOTION

Moved by Mr. Gallivan that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session, under G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(6)(3) for the purposes and reasons declared by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Berry VOTED by Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Mackenzie-Yes, Mr. Timson-Yes, Mr. Snuffer-Yes, Mr. Berry-Yes and Mr. Gallivan Yes.

The Board moved out of Executive session .

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adjourn at 10:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0