

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

Mr. Kiley called this meeting to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 at the Senior Center. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis, and John Tripp present.

After saluting the flag, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: School warrant # 1034 for \$53,447.18, Debt warrant # 1035 for \$22,256.25, General warrant # 1036 for \$151,086.73 and Payroll warrant # 15 for \$324,304.10. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the SPED stabilization request for \$3,724.20. So voted.

The Senior Center Conduct Policy will be reviewed next week (1/28) since the Board will be meeting with the COA director on a different matter.

The Planning Board submitted a request to appoint Michelle Petraitis as alternative to the Planning Board. Dale verified with Jason that Michelle was interested in the appointment. Mr. Tripp motioned, and Mr. Kiley moved, to appoint Michelle Petraitis as alternate to Planning Board. So voted. Mr. Petraitis abstained from voting.

Mr. Petraitis read a letter from Roselyn Harrison and Gerard Vezina (sp?) at 72 Old East Brookfield Road, thanking the first responders for their quick reaction to a fire at her house.

Mr. Kiley opened the meeting to anyone wishing to make a public comment-no comments.

At this time, Dale proceeded with the promotional ceremony of Chris Donais to Sergeant on the North Brookfield Police Department. Dale explained that the board saw an issue with NBEMA group, shortage of training, money, and opportunities. Sgt. Doug Blood had been the Director of NBEMA, he no longer lives in Town and is no longer employed by the PD. Dale approached Chief Smith who thought it could go back under the umbrella of the PD. Dale asked Chief Smith to speak.

Chief Smith said that when he spoke with Dale it was an easy decision to recommend Officer Chris Donais to the position. Chris has expressed interest in career advancement. Chris has 32 years' experience, he's a grant writer, he's got experience as a detective, as well as many other things. Chris is humble and he's currently working on his master's degree. Chris does everything asked of him. Chris is also working on getting more accreditation and certification for the NBPd. Chief Smith suggested to the Board to promote Chris Donais to Sergeant. Mr. Kiley motioned to promote Chris Donais to Sergeant, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded the motion. So voted. Mr. Kiley motioned to appoint Sgt. Chris Donais to Director of NBEMA, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded the motion. So voted.

Tara Hayes, Town Clerk, was present to swear in Sgt. Donais as Sergeant and NBEMA Director.

Chief Mark Smith then gave Chris his pins and badge, saluted him, and congratulated him.

The Board of Selectmen presented Sgt. Donais with a plaque. Mr. Kiley also stated that Rep Donny Berthiaume has wished to be there for the promotion. Mr. Berthiaume sent a letter from the House of Representatives which is quite an achievement.

Mr. Kiley asked again if anyone had further business to bring to the attention of the Board. No comments.

Mr. Kiley stated there was refreshments for anyone wishing to stay to congratulate Chris.

At 6:15PM, there being no further business, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre