

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Chaplin, Connecticut
July 16, 2019
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes

Members Present: William H. Rose IV, Selectman; Anthony Pinto, Selectman.

Members Absent: Matthew Cunningham, Selectman

Others Present: Suzanne Gluck, Administrative Assistant; Steven Landon, Chairman Recreation Commission and Burning Official.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm
2. **First Audience of Citizens:** None
3. **Tax Collector Refunds:** Mr. Pinto made a **MOTION** to approve tax refund of \$234.33 to Chace DeCandia. Mr. Rose seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.
4. **Resignations/Appointments:** Mr. Pinto made a **MOTION** to re-appoint Jean Givens as a member to the Historic District Commission for a term from 9/1/19 to 8/31/24. Mr. Rose seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

Mr. Pinto made a **MOTION** to appoint Christopher Bellantone as Deputy Fire Marshall. Mr. Rose second the **MOTION**. Discussion: Mr. Landon stated that there is already a Deputy Fire Marshall. Mr. Rose will follow-up with Fire Marshall, Bud Meyers.

5. **Discussion and possible action on the Approved Wages schedule for Fiscal Year 2019-2020:** Mr. Rose made a **MOTION** to approve the Approved Wages schedule for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 dated 7/16/19. Mr. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.
6. **Discussion regarding shared services:** Mr. Rose reported that he has discussed shared services with the Town of Windham for the Building Official. He reviewed a preliminary proposal of \$20,000 a year. Chaplin to reimbursement for non-commuter mileage at the IRS rate, the Town would reimburse overtime, which is seldom. They will have someone at Town Hall on Tuesday evenings, offer online permitting, and someone will be available during the 40-hour work week for inspections and an assistant built into the fees. This is an attractive package to be reviewed at the next meeting on 8/1. Attorney will also need to review.

Also discussed was the Trooper program. We currently have we have a resident trooper servicing the town 40 hours a week, different days/hours a week. Windham offered same program, but 24/7, 365 days a year coverage for 911 calls. During vacation time, the officer will have substitute to cover. More research to be done, but it will be 24/7 365 day a year, 40 hour a week Trooper on hand. Included in the contract would be detective services, school outreach, SWAT Team, canine services, drone, youth leadership academy, stuff a cruiser, veterans' events, and coverage for special Olympics. The cost would be (Option 1) 40 hours a week, \$195,000; (Option 2) 8hrs a day/7 days a week \$234,750; (Option 3) 80 hours a week \$356,000. If we were to do Option 1, we are currently spending \$204,000, so there would be some savings. The Chaplin office would not be needed anymore, radar calibration not needed. Mr. Rose would like to set up public informational session to get feedback. This plan has been discussed with Trooper Manbeck and they will meet again. This is an attractive package. Response time would be quicker – currently off hours it takes a long time sometimes for Troop D to respond. Informational session maybe in August – get a date from Willimantic when they can come out to do a presentation. Mr. Rose will reach out to them.

A resignation was not read earlier on agenda item #4 – Mr. Pinto read the resignation from Arielle Rose Walmsley from the Chaplin Community and Economic Development Commission effective 7/15/19. She did not get sworn in, but the Board still accepted the resignation.

Mr. Rose stated that also discussed with Windham was animal control services. We currently use NECCOG – to be discussed at a later date.

- 7. Discussion regarding Hampton-Chaplin Ambulance service:** Mr. Rose reported Hampton/Chaplin Ambulance Services called a meeting which they attended. Discussed were challenges with ambulance services. Mr. Cahill, Hampton Selectman, will talk to Scotland and Mr. Rose will talk to Eastford to see if they are interested in sharing services. We would still maintain first responders even if we share services, it is just ambulance transportation. This may include 2 ambulances – be proactive before State of CT decides what the towns should do. Their Ambulance is out of service again so this needs to be finalized soon.
- 8. Human Resources:** Mr. Rose reported that Dave Stone, DPW Supervisor, was approached by the town of Mansfield for a position. Mr. Rose read a letter he wants to submit to the Board of Finance requesting an increase in salary in order to maintain Mr. Stone as he is a valued employee and would like to retain him. Mr. Rose also read a letter from resident Leslie Ricklin, praising Mr. Stone in his work. Mr. Rose stated we get continual praise from residents about

9. Dave. Mr. Rose made a **MOTION** to submit the letter requesting a salary increase for Dave Stone to the Board of Finance. Mr. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** carries.
10. **Second Audience of Citizens - Note: Comments are limited to agenda items and subject to Chair discretion.** Mr. Landon asked if there is a call for a trooper on a State roads would Willimantic police need to wait for Troop D to respond first? Mr. Rose is going to look into it.
11. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Suzanne Gluck, Administrative Assistant/Recording Clerk*