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**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 25, 2016**

**PRESENT:** TOM CLOW, VICE CHAIRMAN; JENNIFER BOHL, SELECTMAN; FREDERICK W. HIPPLER, SELECTMAN.

**Not Present:** Chairman Keith Lacasse and Selectman Jack Meaney

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Kathleen Humphreys

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** Naomi Bolton

**GUESTS:** Frank Campana, Jan Snyder, Jeffrey A. Barden, Asst. Fire Chief Robert J. Richards, Leigh Bosse from the Messenger, Richard Butt, Marc Phillips, Susan Phillips and Shane Despres.

**7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Clow called the meeting to order with the pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Richard Butt asked if it was determined if there is a missing ToughBook and was informed there is no answer yet. He asked if there were two vacant positions in the police department. Currently, one position is not vacated and the person is on leave. He inquired about the Frank Jones issue. Mr. Butt congratulated the fire department, Beth Rouse, Finance Administrator and Chief Vezina on the warrant articles and hopes it puts them in a better position for future purchases.

Mr. Butt looked back at the deliberative session where an expected reduction was for CALEA certification and participating in PRIME was mentioned and asked if there was more information. Naomi Bolton mentioned a \$4,500 reduction at the end of this year and is not sure of the CALEA figures.

Mr. Butt felt he was fooled with the 2015 police department warrant, article 10 and felt it was worded to benefit the police department. Vice Chairman Clow said they did nothing deceptive. It was supported by the Finance Committee. They can look for ways to improve the wording.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND COMMITTEE ITEMS**

None

**Radio Discussion with Police and Fire Chiefs:**

Fire Chief Bob Vezina and Police Chief Sean Kelly were asked if they were satisfied with the R&R Contract.

The contract covers most everything from broken antennas to batteries, repeating system, base station and portable radios. It does not cover replacing batteries for the older portable radios. Time and material to install a replacement radio is not covered.

The transfer from Bow Dispatch to Goffstown required critical pieces of equipment which has been addressed.

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The CIP process had three components:

1. Change antenna at Mine Hill
2. Add repeating radio (pyramids) in vehicle repairs. Radios were installed in 4-5 vehicles.
3. Reprogrammed fire radios so we they communicate with other radios.

A propagation study will be conducted to determine the coverage at the ten repeating sites. Seven of the ten sites don't have electricity but uses solar power which does not work as well on a cloudy day. Grants are available which could help electrify those sites. The police and fire departments are busier now and experienced some issues at those sites.

The fire chief felt there has been progress and the voice is better but some areas in town are harder to talk from.

Police Chief Sean Kelly has worked with R&R during the transfer from Bow to Goffstown and appreciated their work and felt the service was flawless and improved. He is satisfied with their service.

After the CIP concluded last year, it was discovered the police radio system was in essence old mobile radios stacked on each other to make a multi-channel system. The next phase will be to test the equipment and the study.

President of R&R Jeff Barden explained the propagation study will identify the weaknesses in the system and they will have figures to go by. He said the Motorola repeaters are working well and they are not digital. He said the MTR3000s is in good shape and probably won't need to be replaced for about another 10 years.

Selectman Hippler is also on the fire department and asked about 24/7 response. He was told response time is typically an hour to four hours. The PMI are inspected once per year.

A recent power problem was noticed where the department tried to communicate and could only hear a clicking noise and mumbling about two weeks ago. The battery light was clicking red/green/red/green.

Vice Chairman Clow asked about items to discuss before the next CIP session. Electricity at the solar sites, River Road and Peaslee Hill Road were identified. A digital repeater for the police department but digital has pros and cons; the voice is clearer by typography might not be practical.

### **Police Cruisers Discussion**

The warrant for five cruisers failed in March and replacing a cruiser in 2014 was unsuccessful. Chief Sean Kelly addressed the critical situation of the cruisers while automotive mechanic Mark Phillips provided his technical expertise.

After CIP recommendation and discussion with the Selectmen in preparation for the vote in March the police department decided not to spend tax payer money in repairs and installing the new radios in cruisers that had very little Kelly Blue Book value.

Three weeks ago Chief Kelly received a call that Car 8, the Ford Taurus, needed to come back to town because it was the only car that would pass inspection. Car 6 was back on the road last Saturday. Car 8 is now the backup patrol car.

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The chief relayed a story that the police pulled a motorist over who didn't have a headlight and the motorist mentioned the cruiser didn't have a headlight either.

-Car 1: 2008 Ford Expedition with 88,000 miles and a Kelly Blue Book value of \$2,800 and needs \$6,800 to get an inspection sticker. Mr. Phillips opinion is it's not worthwhile to put money into it.

-Car 2, the former canine car is assigned to ACO and needs unidentified work.

-Car 3: Kelly Blue book value of \$2,900 and needed \$4,000 in repairs to keep the sticker on it. It's in fair condition, not poor condition they are optimistic

-Car 5: Not suitable for police work. \$1,500 KBB and needs \$3,200 in work for an inspection sticker. It also has rust issues.

-Car 6: In service and on patrol.

Car 7: 112,000 miles and is at the Ford dealership for an inspection sticker. It has high miles but needed the least amount of work. The crash damage was covered by insurance.

Car 8: Driving over 65mph the front end shakes. It also has body damage.

Car 9: 2011 Crown Victoria with 119,000 miles. KKB value of \$2,900 and need \$2,200 in work.

So far it has cost \$17,614 to keep inspection stickers on the police vehicles. The Cruiser Repair Line was \$30,000.

Tonight Car 6 is the only marked car that is working. It has 77,000 miles but being the only vehicles in service the miles will increase quickly.

Chief Kelly wanted to have this discussion and bring this to the Board's attention because he feels they are spending money irresponsibly repairing the police vehicles but they don't have any choice. It has been five years since the town purchased a vehicle. It was noted that police vehicles use heavy duty components and they are used hard.

Vice Chairman Clow suggested looking into how other communities replace their vehicles. The chief did put a cruiser replacement plan before the voters which would have replaced vehicles while they still had a high trade in value and under warrant with fewer miles.

Chief Kelly mentioned a recent article in National Magazine that did a 10-years study on the New Hampshire State Police's Dodge cars. They discovered over time with a regular replacement plan they were maintenance costing \$500. We are spending \$4,500 per car now. "As a community we have to do this better," said Chief Kelly.

Mr. Phillips and Chief Kelly had some confusion on which cars would be restored for detail and for training but the intention of the use of the vehicles is now clear.

Mark Phillips said the value of the Weare Police Department's fleet is zero and they can't trade them in. In his opinion the cars should be replaced and the last thing you want is an unreliable car in an emergency.

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The chief said they will work towards returning the vehicles as quickly as possible but they won't return until they are safe for emergency use.

Shane Despres, Community Partner Engagement Team, wanted people to be aware and educated on the vehicles and the integrity of the department. If an officer can't get to a call then someone's life could be on the line. If officers are trying to get to a call before something happens they are travelling fast and endangering their lives. We need to educate the people in town as to what is happening in the police department. There is a lot of fortitude and accreditation and a lot of people don't understand what is going on in the department. What is happening now is unprecedented and hats off to the chief and rest of the officers. People don't realize when they put the vest on in the morning they don't know what will happen that day.

### **DRUG COLLECTION UNIT**

Chief Sean Kelly presented a letter of support for a collection box in the lobby of the Safety Complex for medication/drugs to ensure safe disposal. The steel container will be bolted to the floor and have a drop lid. The box will be seen on the surveillance camera which will also transmit live to the Goffstown Police Station. The Weare Police Evidence Property Officer will remove the items in the box with another officer present while they will be seen on video. The items will be put in a sealed envelope as seized property and weighted. Two officers, again under surveillance video, in the evidence room it will be weighed again and disposed at the incinerator with three witnesses that sign the proper documentation.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Clow moved, Selectman Hippler seconded to approve the minutes of April 11, 2015 as amended. Passed 2-0-1. Selectman Bohl abstained.

Selectman Hippler moved, Selectman Bohl seconded to approve the minutes of April 18, 2015 as amended. Passed 3-0-0.

### **MANIFESTS**

Vice Chairman Clow moved, Selectman Hippler seconded to order the treasurer to sign the accounts payable and payroll checks dated April 28, 2016 as included in the following manifests:

Payroll Manifest	\$ 67,962.26 (Weekly and monthly payroll accrual payout and payroll taxes)
Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 43,550.50
TOTAL	\$ 111,512.76

Passed 3-0-0

-The Board signed an application for intent to excavate on Townes property.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

-The town attorney was sent the question on what is next for town halls door and they await an answer.

-The signs and yellow tape were illegally taken down on gazebo but will be reposted tomorrow.

-Wednesday, May 4, 2016 might work to visit the town building projects.

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- Noise Ordinance and Firing Range Subcommittees is on the website. Two people have responded.
- The additional maps for the ðNo Thru Truckingö are not in yet. Time limits on travel could be considered.
- On May 2, 2016 and May 9, 2016 volunteers will be interviewed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Town Administrator Bolton received an email regarding the Safety Complex water heater with concerns the specs were not put out there. Naomi Bolton will respond in an emergency situation. They had four quotes.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Highway Garage was put out to bid and the deadline is May 16, 2016. The bids will then be reviewed and followed up on. The hope is to be ready to have the Board award the project on June 6, 2016.

**Vice Chairman Clow moved, Selectman Hippler seconded to adjourn at 9:03pm. Passed 3-0-0.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A True Record.

Kathleen Humphreys, Recording Secretary