

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2013

Call to Order: The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 5:47pm.

Present: Randy Crochier and John Ward, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant; Claire Chang, Timmie Smith, and Ronnie LaChance, Finance Committee members; Police Sergeant Chris Redmond; Nancy Griswold.

Police Cruiser Computers: Police Sergeant Chris Redmond met with the Selectboard to provide more information about a proposal to purchase I-pad devices to be used as computers for the Police Department's three cruisers. He explained that while he had once advocated for laptop computers in the cruisers, more research has led him to recommend I-pads. The devices are smaller, and have more functionality than computers, including built-in cameras and GPS systems, both of which would be useful during investigations. The I-pad systems will cost approximately one half what the pc laptops would, and will have a lower demand on the cruisers' electrical systems.

The Sergeant explained that a remote Bluetooth keypad will connect to the I-pad. The keypad has rechargeable batteries, similar to the I-pad. The I-pads have a "lightning connector", which will provide true video mirroring on an external monitor. The Department already has three new monitors, purchased last year as the first phase of the cruiser computer project. A VGA connector will connect the I-pads to the monitors.

5:51pm Selectboard member Ann Banash joined the meeting via remote participation.

Fire Department Board of Engineers: Randy recused himself from the discussion and vote. The Board reviewed the list of Engineers recommended by the Fire Department's Board of Engineers. John made a motion, seconded by Ann, to appoint Gene Beaubien, Steven Connell, Michael Crochier, Jason Edson, Stuart Elliott, Scott Goodhind, William Kimball, Greg Parody, Stephen Peters, Nire Ragoza, and Kenneth Sears to the Board of Engineers from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. Ann -- yes; John -- yes. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

5:56pm Ann left the meeting due to a poor cell phone connection.

Discussion of the cruiser computers continued. The Sergeant noted that both the Northfield and Bernardston Police Departments are now using I-pads. He recommended purchasing the devices through Verizon, as Northfield had network configuration problems with the ones they purchased directly from Apple.

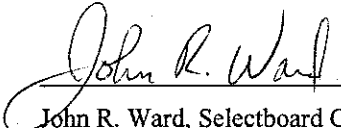
Neither computer solution -- I-pads or laptops -- are able to access data and records stored at the Police Station. Because of the software we use, and the program modules we don't have, incident reports must be entered on the computers at the Station. In order to write reports and enter data directly from the cruisers, the IMC software would need to be upgraded to include the "mobile" and "imaging" modules, at an additional cost of approximately \$5,000 per year.

In addition to the \$2,159.91 quote for three I-pads, cases, and chargers, the Sergeant asked to be able to purchase three each of the following: cradle (\$26 each), VGA connector (\$50 each), Bluetooth keypad (\$100 each). The total cost is \$2,687.91 and is within the amount approved from the NMH Gift fund.

The purchase order for the I-pads and related equipment was approved by consensus.

Adjournment: The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.



John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk



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22 March 2013

Board of Selectmen
Town of Gill
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Dear Sirs and Madam:

The Board of Fire Engineers is pleased to nominate the following members of the Gill Fire Department for your consideration for appointment to our Board for 2013-14:

Gene Beaubien
Steve Connell
Michael Crochier
Jason Edson
Stuart Elliott
Scott Goodhind
William Kimball
Greg Parody
Steve Peters
Nire Ragoza
Kenneth Sears

These nominations are the result of our regular monthly meeting held on 21 March 2013.

Sincerely,

Stuart Elliott, Clerk