

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2017

Minutes of an Executive Session

Present: Randy Crochier, Greg Snedeker, and John Ward, Selectboard members; Ray Purington, Admin. Assistant

The Executive Session convened at 5:35 PM in the Administrative Assistant's office at the Gill Town Hall. It was announced that John Ward would be participating remotely, as due to his geographic location, physical attendance would be unreasonably difficult.

The statutory reason for meeting in Executive Session was to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, i.e. contract for police chief.

The Selectboard reviewed a draft of a Police Chief contract prepared by Town Counsel. The suggested term of the contract is through the end of Fiscal Year 2018, June 30, 2018.

The Selectboard discussed the section of the contract dealing with the provision of a police vehicle for use by the Police Chief. There were no objections to language allowing incidental personal use of the vehicle.

The proposed contract contains a clause that allows for an automatic one-year extension of the contract (on the current terms) if neither party provides written notice of its intent to renegotiate. Town Counsel had noted that such a clause is optional. There were no objections to keeping the clause as it provides equally for both parties.

There was discussion of whether Executive Session or Open Session is the appropriate venue to vote to offer the Police Chief position to Acting Police Chief Christopher Redmond contingent upon successful contract negotiation. It was determined that the vote must happen in Open Session.

The salary portion of the contract is currently blank. In preparation for the next contract strategy session, the Selectboard requested the most recent 2-3 years of salary and overtime figures for Chris Redmond.

Snedeker made a motion, seconded by Ward, to come out of executive session. A roll call vote was taken: Crochier – aye; Ward – aye; Snedeker – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The Selectboard left executive session at 5:51 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant

Reviewed, approved, and voted to be released to the public on 12/11/2017.

Signed copy on file.

Greg Snedeker, Selectboard Clerk