

Public Safety Commission Town of Bradford, Vermont

Minutes – June 28, 2014 Regular Meeting

Meeting convened at 9:00 am in the Meeting Room at the Academy Building with members Gary Moore, Ed Garone, John Hersh, Sean Fleming and Bob Nordham in attendance. Carole Taylor, a member of the Selectboard, who is designated to serve as liaison with the Police Department and the Public Safety Commission was present. Also attending was Jeff Stiegler, the Chief of Police.

The meeting opened with a review of the minutes from the May 24, 2014 meeting of the Commission which were approved on a motion from Ed, with a 2nd from John and a vote of the members.

Chief of Police:

Following a request from the Chief, John recommended the Commission move to Executive Session to discuss several personnel matters. With a 2nd from Bob and a vote of the members, the Commission entered Executive Session at 9:35am. The meeting left Executive Session at 10:55am with the understanding that John would complete a Performance Review form according to the discussion by the members.

Chief Stiegler departed the meeting at 11:00am.

Fire Department Matters:

John advised that the Selectboard recently requested input from the Commission members and the Fire Chief regarding the 95' Aerial Tower and the advisability of putting the apparatus back 'on-line' in an operational capacity if the fuel line leak is able to be repaired. It was noted a mechanic from P & H Transportation is scheduled to complete the repair in the near future. Also discussed was the fact that the safety certification for the aerial ladder will be due for renewal at the end of July and Chief Terrill previously advised the last inspection cost \$1,200.00.

Ed questioned the cost of the safety inspection/certification and mentioned that the Derry Fire Department spends in the vicinity of \$575.00 to have their aerial apparatus inspected for certification. Discussed was the fact that perhaps Bradford should look into other less costly firms for the inspection.

Ed indicated he believes the aerial apparatus should be put 'on-line' and maintained in an operational capacity if it can be done in a reasonable manner. Doing so would be of great benefit to the town to aid in fighting fires and would assist with the marketability of the apparatus if it is eventually offered for sale. John and Bob agreed with this approach and noted the apparatus would be easier to sell if it could be advertised as being operational and 'on-line'. Gary expressed reservation about spending \$1,200.00 for the upcoming aerial certification until such time as the apparatus is determined to be mechanically dependable.

Gary commended John's initiative and work to coordinate the mechanical repair of the aerial.

Other Business:

There was no 'Other Business' for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am with no further meeting scheduled at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Hersh, Secretary