

Town of Brimfield
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes -- June 15, 2021

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Members Present: Chair: Mike Doyle, Vice Chair: Paul McCarthy, Member: Carolyn Haley (Remote), Member: Suzanne Collins, Member: Ryan Olszta, Recording: Admin: Carol Camerota
In person: Police Chief Kuss
Virtual callers also in attendance.

Call to order: by (Doyle) at 5:30 p.m.

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New Business:

Use of Town Hall:

(Doyle) Thanked COA Director, E. Pittsinger for taking on the Candidates night.

Motion: by (Olszta) move to approve the Sr. Center Director's request to host the candidate's forum in the Town Hall tonight at 7:00 p.m., seconded by (Collins), all in favor. Motion passed.

Police Chief Appointments:

Chief Kuss is requesting reappointment of Krystine O'Connor as Animal Control Officer for one year until 6/30/2022. (Collins) questioned items that she thought were on the next Selectmen's agenda. Chief could wait for the existing appointments if the next meeting falls before the end of the fiscal year. He would however like to appoint new officers to get them on the books before the end of FY21. (Collins) inquired about the new candidates.

The Chief gave a brief overview of the departments policy of new applicants.

Applicant T. Grant use to work for Brimfield and then went to Sturbridge and on to Fitchburg. He comes with a lot of certificates. M. Belliveau is a Brimfield resident and worked at the Worcester County Sheriffs Dept and patrolled in Paxton. He is also a State certified firearms instructor.

C. LaDou is a bit younger and comes highly recommended from Princeton where he is a part time patrolman. B. Hill also has ties to the community and works for a waste management company with a good track record. His dream is to become a police officer.

(Collins) would like copies of resumes to review. The Chief will get those to her.

Motion: by (Doyle) move to appoint new Police applicants Timothy Grant, Mark Belliveau, Christopher LaDou and Brandon Hill to the end of FY21 and to continue with 1 year appointment to the end of FY22.

(Collins) will agree to FY21 but would rather wait for the second half of the motion to make an informed decision.

Motion amended: Appoint Timothy Grant, Mark Belliveau, Christopher LaDou and Brandon Hill until the end of FY21, seconded by (Haley). Roll call as follows; (Collins) -- Yes (Doyle) -- Yes (Haley) -- Yes (McCarthy) -- Yes (Olszta) -- Yes Motion passes.

The Chief would like to reappoint the existing officers for a 3 year term instead of 1 showing good faith in his employees.

Discussion of Selectmen meeting on June 22nd the day after elections or meeting June 28th to make sure elections were certified. Board agreed to meet on June 28th.

Adjourn:

Motion: by (Olszta) move to adjourn at 5:55 p.m., seconded by (Collins) Roll call as follows; (Collins)-Yes (Doyle)-Yes (Haley)-Yes (McCarthy)-Yes (Olszta)-Yes Motion passes.

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, June 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Camerota

Transcribed by: Carol Camerota

ACCEPTED:

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Documents Utilized for this meeting

MATERIALS FOR BACKGROUND AND REFERENCE

1. Police appointment requests