



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting

XX Special Meeting

Date: February 26, 2024

Time: 9:30 AM

Attendance:

First Selectman, Carol Jones; Selectman, Duane Gates; Selectman, Kathryn Russell;
Resident State Trooper Steven Krause
Audience of Citizens: 2 residents in attendance

1. **Call to Order:** Jones welcomed all to the meeting/called to order at 9:32 am.
2. **General discussion with Deep River Resident State Trooper.**

Communication Issues: Jones and BOS expressed dissatisfaction about communication between the Resident Trooper and the FS's office; especially regarding time off. Trooper Krause requested that we speak about specific personnel issues in executive session; BOS agreed. The general dialogue continued with him stating that he has an open-door policy. Jones mentioned that we have had several calls regarding residents who need to get fingerprinted for a job; Krause stated that the Selectman's office can direct folks to Middletown or Troop F.

Police Activity: Krause stated that in December, the department made 13 traffic stops and in January made 62 stops. He will email the FS office monthly with the reports. Russell asked if he could report on 'trends' in town; Krause responded that he could not as he can't analyze the calls.

He mentioned that he was aware that the BOS and Board of Finance (BOF) has voted to mark the town police vehicles. He mentioned that the cars are an issue as they are older and have high mileage. When you factor in the idle miles then the mileage calculation is actually higher. He would like to see a plan to replace a car every 5 years. The town currently has 4 cars. BOS asked if the cars need to remain on and idling when parked outside of town hall. He stated that the cars have to remain on so that they are ready to go when a call comes in and the computer is on, etc.

He mentioned that the department has achieved Tier I accreditation and spoke briefly about the grant received by the department to do the work required for accreditation. They have now begun Tier II accreditation work.

He also spoke about the additional insurance he is hoping that the town secure for the department. It will cover legal expenses for Town Officers. Jones mentioned that she had already spoken to the Finance department about this and was confident that that is something the town would do for the officers.

Russell made a motion to go into executive session at 10:38 am. Gates second. Motion passed.

Gates made motion @ 11:24 am to come out of executive session. Jones second. Motion passed.

Jones made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 am. Gates seconded. Motion passed.