

Minutes  
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting  
April 30, 2010

Present: Gerald D. Stomski, First Selectman  
Barbara K. Perkinson, Selectman  
George W. Hale III, Selectman

Also: Sharon Sherman Kathy Soboleski  
Resident Trooper, Sgt. Kevin Rafferty  
Jaimie Cura – *Voices*

Selectman Stomski called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Shove Conference Room.

**Sign Call for May 17, 2010 Regular Town Meeting and Annual Budget Meeting**

The Selectmen signed the call for the Regular Town Meeting and Annual Budget Meeting to be held on May 17, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. in the Senior/Community Center.

**Town Charter Resolution**

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded that the Charter Revision Commission is charged to submit its draft report to the Board of Selectmen not later than sixteen (16) months from the date of its appointment, or July 11, 2011.  
*UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

**Public Safety Discussion**

Sgt. Rafferty, Resident State Trooper, was asked to attend the meeting to discuss several issues involving the Police Officers.

*Establish Ranking Service* – Sgt. Rafferty would like to institute a rank of Corporal which would be a rank above a patrol officer and below the Resident Trooper. The new rank would give the Woodbury Officer(s) supervisory status over the other officers, especially when the Resident Trooper is not on duty. It will give the officers a goal to work for and it will help reduce overtime. “It’s about being recognized for their dedication to the job”, stated Sgt. Rafferty.

Selectman Hale asked about a job description and Sgt. Rafferty advised one is being prepared using Southbury’s as a guideline. Some of the Woodbury officers are already overseeing some of the jobs; for example training, medical supplies, and vehicle repairs. Other towns are doing the same thing. Southbury went “Corporal” a couple of years ago.

As for the Taxpayer perspective, does it mean increase in salaries? Sgt Rafferty was told by the Officers it’s not about the money, but a small stipend of \$1,000 for each of the two officers

would be acceptable. Asked if the Union would be comfortable with the pay amount, both Sgt Rafferty and Selectman Stomski said it would be a negotiable item.

There are a few towns with the same police setup as Woodbury; however they are either larger or smaller than Woodbury.

Sgt. Rafferty explained that the Corporal would be responsible for keeping the Resident Trooper advised of what is going on in Town when the Resident Trooper is not on duty. The program would also keep the Town covered 24/7. Asked how the Corporals would be selected, Sgt. Rafferty said the change in the Contract would be negotiated and amended, a notice would be posted, resumes will be accepted; and there would be oral interviews.

Selectman Perkinson asked if this program would re-open the Contract and was told only for the immediate subject and would be a side letter to the Contract.

*Private Duty* – Sgt. Rafferty said there is presently \$23,000 in the cruiser replacement account. Cruisers are replaced every 3 years. Presently the private duty rate is \$53.50 per hour with includes the salary, administrative fee and vehicle replacement account. The Police are now proposing a private duty rate of \$60 per hour with vehicle contribution increased to \$5.00 per hour. Most of the private duty jobs are for utility companies and the rest private duty jobs. The officers are paid the overtime rate for Town functions. Selectman Perkinson asked with the private duty rates, “Would it be increased” and was told when the Officers receive their new raise.

*Fire Lane Fines* – Janet Morgan, Fire Marshal, has submitted a written request regarding changes to the Fire Lane Ordinance Fines and Town Parking fines. In her letter, she touches on misuse of the fire lanes, enforcement of same and that the amount of the fines is too low. She also asked permission to give out tickets to violators. Sgt. Rafferty had no problems with her request. It frees the police officers from having to do it. Selectman Stomski agreed with Ms. Morgan’s statement that the fire lane issued is a serious safety issue. All of the Town Ordinance fees will be reviewed. The increase and its affect on pensions will also be researched

### **Budget Matters**

Selectman Stomski announced that the Board of Finance, at their meeting last evening, reduced the Road Fund by \$73,000 and the Pay Plan by an additional \$10,000, a total reduction of \$85,000. They also asked that all unnecessary expenditures be cut out of the 2009-2010 budget.

MOTION: Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Perkinson seconded to adjourn at 8:27 a.m.  
*UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

FILED SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Anderson, Clerk