

Meeting Minutes

Litchfield Board of Selectmen

Date: 02 June 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendees:

J. Brunelle
F. Byron, Chair
M. P. Jewett
G. Lambert
S. Perry

The meeting commenced at 7:03 PM. The Board of Selectmen held this second public meeting to provide the public with the ability to address the Board both by asking questions and to provide comment. There were 8 citizens who attended this meeting. Several topics were discussed such as the status of the hiring of the town administrator, status of impact fees and comments related to the placement of salary and pay increases onto warrant articles rather than into the budget. Various members of the Board addressed each of these questions.

After the public question and answer session the Board discussed the request of Chief O’Brion to move ahead with the application for a COPS grant funding 3 years of an additional police officer with the subsequent years being paid by the town.

MOTION: by Selectman Lambert that the Board of Selectmen authorizes Chief O’Brion to move forward with filing the COPS grant. **Motion seconded** by Selectman Brunelle. The Board discussed the motion.

There was discussion about the need for an additional officer prompted by Selectman Byron. It was the opinion of the Board that the use of this officer would be as decided by Chief O’Brion. The Board also felt that the need was documented in the Municipal Resources Incorporated (MRI) report that studied the staffing of the Police department in 2007/2008. Selectman Byron informed the group that the funding of the officer did not include the expenses related to the equipment and reminded the group that the hiring would need to be placed onto a warrant article. Selectman Byron stated that the grant would not likely include the full three years as there would be a hiring lag from the grant award month of September 2010 until the town meeting and then afterwards until the date when the Police Department would complete recruitment. Selectman Brunelle suggested that a special meeting may be appropriate.

MOTION: Selectman Perry to call the question. **Vote to call the question: 5-0-0, Motion to call passed.**

Vote on the Motion: 4-1-0, motion passed

A motion was made to Adjourn by Selectman Perry, Seconded by Selectwoman Jewett. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

The Board adjourned the meeting with no further discussion or motions.

Minutes by: Frank Byron

Approved by:

John Brunelle

Frank Byron

M. Patricia Jewett

George Lambert

Steve Perry