

SELECT PERSONS MEETING

July 8, 2009

Present: Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Stan Judge, Constable Jerry Baker, Jo Carpenter

Chairperson Stan Judge opened the meeting at 6:33 PM

Meet with Constable Jerry Baker on the future of Policing in Shelburne

Stan Judge told Jerry that since Bill Weichert's death Shelburne lacks Police coverage, especially during the day. Stan said that he feels people in Shelburne want more police coverage and it is the Board's job to find a way to provide this coverage.

Jerry said that he has talked to the people who had expressed interest to the Board but none of them have panned out

Lucy Evans told Jerry that the Board has met with Tim Hayes of the NH State Police - Troop F. Tim told the Board that the Town can buy 4 hour blocks of time from the State at \$240 per block of time. This would be covered by an off-duty trooper.

Jerry said that he feels that the State Police have an obligation to provide service to town under 3,000 in populations. Stan said that this is true but the reality is that Troop F is under staffed and town often has to wait for a trooper to arrive. If we entered into this type of extra coverage, the trooper would be Shelburne for that block of time unless there was a big emergency.

The Board asked Jerry how he would feel about having some type of arrangement with Gorham,

Jerry said that he would have a hard time supporting Gorham policing in Shelburne.

The Board asked Jerry why he feels this way. Jerry said that Gorham PD has a different philosophy about police work than he does. Jerry said that Gorham is very liability conscious but that they disagree peacefully and can work together. Jerry said that he is not big on arrests. Jerry said he gets the feeling that Gorham - PD feels that full-time police are better than part-time police. He said he also thinks that they have an issue with him using a jeep as a police vehicle instead of a cruiser. Jerry said that there are just perceptual differences between him and Gorham officers.

Jerry said that he would like to keep Shelburne policing local - maybe advertise for a part-time person.

Lucy explained that the Board is exploring options and costs at this time but the Board is definitely not looking for a full-time officer. She said that a part-time officer would have to be trained.

Stan commented that he thinks that there is value in people seeing a cruiser around town. He feels that it acts as a deterrent to some types of behavior. Jerry said that he agreed with that statement.

Heidi said that the next step is to set up a meeting with Gorham Chief P.J. Cyr to discuss options for coverage with him. Jerry said that he would like to be part of that meeting. The Board agreed that they would like him to be at the meeting. Jo will call Chief Cyr to get some dates.

Sign

1. DRA form PA-28 - on using state inventory form was signed.
2. Voucher #17 was signed.
3. The following PO's were signed:
 - NES Fire & Safety - \$272.00 - inspect & repair fire extinguishers
 - NH State Firemen's Association - \$300.00 - 2009 dues
 - Gorham Water & Sewer Dept. - \$500.00 - 2009 septage fee

Other

1. Brian Lamarre's gun

The Board asked where Brian Lamarre's gun is. Jo said that she thought Bill Weichert had it but is not sure where it is at this time. Jo will check on this.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.