

Selectmen's Meeting – July 19, 2005 4:30 p.m.

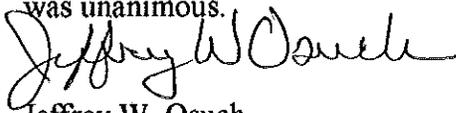
Present: Michael Silvia, Winfred Eckenreiter, Ronald Manzone, John Nunes, Bill Roth, Jeffrey W. Osuch, Steven Wood – ESS, Nils Bolgen – MTC and Chief Souza.

Michael Silvia called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Chief Souza explained his request to hire a police officer and eliminate two dispatcher positions, one that is currently vacant and one to be vacant. It is the Chief's intent to put a Police Officer on the desk with the other dispatcher to handle certain emergency calls and to have the Police Officer available to handle bookings, the public and other work at the same time. Discussion followed. Winfred Eckenreiter motioned to call for a Civil Service list, as outlined in the Chief's letter dated June 1, 2005. Ronald Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Chief left at 4:55 p.m.

Presentation on wind power and the feasibility of a wind turbine on Treatment Plant land was made by Nils Bolgen, MTC and Steven Wood, ESS. The site has been studied. Wind resource is available and the project would be economical. Mr. Wood estimated that one 80 meter wind turbine would generate 2,700-3,300 MWH of electricity which is 2-2 ½ times the usage at the Treatment Plant. The excess could be sold to the electric grid at 5-6 cents a KWH. General discussion followed on site issues, visual views, and private vs public operations, etc. Numerous questions were asked by Town Officials. The Board of Selectmen requested that MTC and ESS complete their report and prepare a presentation to be used at a public meeting to inform the residents of Fairhaven in late August.

Winfred Eckenreiter motioned to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Ronald Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous.



Jeffrey W. Osuch  
Executive Secretary