

Selectmen's Workshop
Monday, March 16, 2015

Selectman Morgan called the workshop to order at 3:00 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Franklin Riley and Robert Freeman, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Also present was Police Chief James Eldridge.

Eldridge informed the Board of issues he has been experiencing with the new Chevrolet Impalas including replacement of tires, tie rods and wheel bearings at only 11,000 and 30,000 miles respectively. He stated this issue to be due to subcontracted parts that are not lasting and he anticipates future problems and questions the safety of the vehicles. Eldridge stated that he had priced out a new Impala for the Warrant Article in addition to a Chevrolet pickup truck. In light of the issues with the Impala, Eldridge priced out a Chevrolet Caprice which is approximately \$6,000 more. In addition, he priced out a Dodge Ram as an option to the pickup truck and found that it has the same warranty and includes a tonneau cover and side lock boxes for \$5,000 less than the Chevrolet pickup.

Morgan stated that as long as the Warrant Article amount is not exceeded there should be no issue with a change in vehicles since the models were not specified in the Article.

Riley questioned if Ford was considered as an option. Eldridge answered that he used the State bid and only 3/4 ton pickups were available for Ford. Eldridge was dismissed at 3:15 PM.

White discussed the review of the job description for the Code Enforcement Officer. She stated that Dave Senecal reviewed the draft description and made some comments. She asked the Board what weekly and monthly reporting requirements they would like the position responsible for.

White discussed ongoing issues with the building security and key control. She stated that she is still unaware of who was playing basketball in the gym the Friday prior to Town Meeting while the floor was being waxed. Discussion ensued on ways to keep the building more secure.

Brief discussion took place on the regional ambulance agreement. White will contact Attorney Sager to request an intergovernmental agreement to ratify the six-year agreement. Riley supplied a copy of the Federal Register on ambulance billing for the other Board members to review.

Being no further input, the workshop adjourned.

Adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

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