

DEERING BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 6, 2023

Final Meeting Minutes

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Present-Chairman Jill Smith, Selectmen Roy Watson and Steve Diers

Also, Town Administrator Peter Flynn and Finance Coordinator Meagen Kerris and other members of the public names attached)

Jill Smith moved to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (b) and (c). at 6:34PM, seconded by Steve Diers and the vote was in the affirmative 3-0 preceded by a roll call vote from all three.

Jill moved to seal the non-public minutes as previously discussed.

8:22PM Public Session reconvened.

Discussion ensued between Asst. Chief Doug Connor, Capt. Pat Murdough and Capt. Chris Rousseau concerning Chain command and the continuation of planning for the future of the Deering Fire Department personnel issues and the physical plants of all three stations.

First, Doug and Peter were to work on the ad for placement in various publications along with the job description.

Jill asked about the advantages of each Fire Station offered over the other. The question as to whether to keep Murdough Station open was discussed. Doug stated that it all depends on staffing with per diem staff.

Steve questioned funding opportunities as McAllister needs doors and ventilation system as well and cosmetic repairs for mold prevention. A lengthy discussion re: Donovan Station took place as the Board reviewed many of the aspects of the repairs and additions previously discussed with the former chief at their special work session. It was determined that work needed to be done at all three stations.

The Board asked for a list of improvement requests, especially from Murdough. It mentioned the importance of having the Forestry Truck available in the winter months also. A question of a possible second floor at Murdough took place,

Steve mentioned that a land purchase should be considered in future. The question from all present was -What is sufficient as a facility?

It was determined that a five-year plan is most practical at this time. Land purchase would be beneficial as soon as possible.

Roy stated that Murdough can't support the needs of EMS purposes such as plumbing etc. but improvements are limited.

Steve reiterated that some action must be taken re: garage doors etc.

Jill asked if the Fire Department could go out for a plan.

A long discussion went back and forth stressing the differences between each facility and the advantages and disadvantages of each station.

9:08 PM

Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A was moved by Jill, seconded by Roy. A roll call vote resulted in the affirmative 3-0

Public Session resumed at 9:18PM

- Announcement of a Special Flag Burning event at the American Legion in Hillsborough on June 14th at 6:00PM. Roy will represent the Board.
- Steve brought up the Cellar Hole Road Highway issue. Peter will follow up.
- Peter will talk again to Don Super concerning his application for Building Permit and requirements for Codman Road upgrading.

9:28PM Motion by Roy to adjourn, seconded by Steve. All favored adjourning 3-0